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# LINCOLN'S LIFE IN INDIANA.

## LOG CABIN WHICH WAS HIS HOME IN BOYHOOD.

Near By Is the Grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, His Mother—Scenes Amid Which His Career as a Lawyer Began—Lincoln's Early Experiences in Spencer County.

BOONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 16.—The ninety-eighth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth occurred on February 12. To the people of Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois this date is of special significance, for each of these States was in turn Lincoln's home.

It is often stated that Lincoln was born in Hardin county, Ky. In fact, he was born in Larue county, which however, is a subdivision of Hardin county. It is also stated commonly that the family, including his father, his mother and a sister, came to Indiana and entered claim to a piece of land in Spencer county. The fact is that the piece of land, then in Warlick county, is included in the region which

has since been set aside and named Spencer county.

It was in 1816 that the family came to the Indiana side, the same year that Indiana was admitted to the Union as a State. The family entered a quarter section of land and built a log cabin, and Lincoln lived there until 1830.

Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham Lincoln, was in poor circumstances. He was a carpenter and farmer. When Lincoln came to Indiana he was just 7, and, remaining in Indiana until 1830, he spent fourteen years of his life in this State.

Lincoln in Indiana saw hardships, had meagre clothing, coarse food and no advantages in the way of securing an education. All who knew him agreed that he was unlike other boys. He was not fully understood.

He was not fond of work, but whether from laziness or because he was fonder of mental exercise in reading or otherwise is not clear. He enjoyed books and is known to have borrowed much of the reading matter of the neighborhood.

After 1820 Spencer county had, at Rockport, its county seat, a public library of several hundred volumes of the standard works of that day. Thomas Lincoln and Abraham Lincoln were at Rockport at least twice during the year, but the name of Abraham Lincoln does not appear on record at the library.

The field from which Abraham could glean knowledge in that neighborhood was very limited, though he borrowed every book he could get. The list is a short one, and the following books include most of those available: "Robinson Crusoe," "Aesop's Fables," Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Weems's "Life of Washington" and a history of the United States. During his life in Indiana he read and reread these books over and over again.

Having read all the books in and around Boonville, Lincoln heard of the court at Boonville. He resolved to go to that place, twenty miles distant, and learn what he could of law practice. The court house in Boonville, then a village of less than 300 inhabitants, stood on the site of the present building.

It was a frame building. A ditch two

feet wide and two feet deep was filled with smoothly hewn logs, on which was built a stone wall eighteen inches high. This constituted the foundation upon which the building rested.

The building was never completed. It was weatherboarded, but neither lathed nor plastered. It remained in this condition until 1836, after the Lincoln family had moved to Illinois. It was capable of holding only a hundred people and could not be used in the summer. At night cattle would seek shelter under it. Such was the structure where Lincoln received his first practice in law.

It was to attend court in this building that he walked twenty miles through a wilderness between Lincoln City and Boonville. From this fact the little town of Boonville claims the distinction of furnishing to him material that aided in his after success.

John A. Brackenridge, then the ablest lawyer in southern Indiana and a practitioner in the court at Boonville, noticed the eagerness and the earnestness of this young man in the Boonville court room. He inquired into his purposes and from

what part of the country he hailed. He found by conversing with him that he was a reader of books, was interested in law and even had some hankering to study it some day.

Accordingly Mr. Brackenridge invited the young man to his home to stay all night. He also told him that he had some books of interest to beginners and that he would be very glad to lend them to him to read.

Brackenridge lived three miles west of Boonville on a farm. His homestead still stands, and though a century old has been used until very recently.

In his office he had what was at that time the best library in southern Indiana. The room is but eight by ten feet, and being pressed for room Mr. Brackenridge had his books placed upon shelves above two windows of his room. When Lincoln first saw the library he was astonished at so great a collection of books, for nowhere in southern Indiana was there a similar library. The first night he spent in this house Lincoln sat up till midnight before the open fireplace reading by the glare of the burning log.

Many days after this found Lincoln attending court at Boonville. He spent many nights reading books in the library of Brackenridge. The latter showed deep interest in him and did all he could to further the education of Mr. Lincoln as a lawyer.

The greater part of the Brackenridge library is still in existence. The books are owned by various lawyers in Boonville and are valued highly. Some of them have markings supposed to have been made by Lincoln. Among those which have markings and were read by him are the following: Locke's "Essays," Brackenridge's "Law Miscellanies," containing an introduction to the study of law; Coke's "Institutes Abridged," Blackstone's "Commentaries."

Upon one occasion Lincoln attended a

murder trial at Boonville and heard the case from beginning to end. The trial seemed interesting to him, but the most exciting feature of the case was the argument before the jury.

The most eloquent plea was made by a Kentucky lawyer named Brackenridge, a relative of John A. Brackenridge of Indiana. After his argument the whole court room rose to congratulate him and Lincoln was among the number.

Lincoln pushed his long, slender frame through the crowd up to the speaker who was being congratulated upon all sides by the prominent men present. Lincoln stretched out his hand as a token of his appreciation of the lawyer's effort before the jury only to have it brushed aside by Mr. Brackenridge.

Lincoln was hurt by this and always remembered the name Brackenridge. Several years afterward at the inauguration of Lincoln Mr. Brackenridge was among those who came to congratulate him. Recognizing the man who snuffed him at the Boonville court several years before, Lincoln grasped the man's hand with a hearty shake and said:

"I am more glad to see you than any other man I know of. I have always wanted to congratulate you upon that speech you made at Boonville several years ago."

Shortly after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln a picnic party from the little town of Dale went up to Lincoln City and to the Lincoln farm and spent the day there. The Lincoln cabin was still standing, and but a short distance up the hillside was a small marble slab that marked the spot where the mother of Abraham Lincoln was buried.

While there the picnickers went through the house where Lincoln saw his mother pass away and from which he returned to Kentucky to get a minister to bury his mother. A few relics were found, among them being an old knot maul and an old fashioned mouldboard plough, both of which had been left there when the Lincolns moved to Illinois.

The old plough was brought outside and an old man named Gabriel Medcalf stood between the handles while one of the party made a sketch of the cabin. The sketch is here reproduced. The old man carrying

the pole was Joseph P. Haines, better known as Uncle Porter Haines.

Emma T. Williams of Dale, Ind., a granddaughter of Dave Turnihan, the old constable of Lincoln City, who permitted Abraham Lincoln to read his copy of the Revised Statutes, has the original picture of this cabin. The cabin was torn down some months ago, but the old cedar tree still stands, and is the only landmark that locates definitely the exact place where the Lincoln cabin stood.

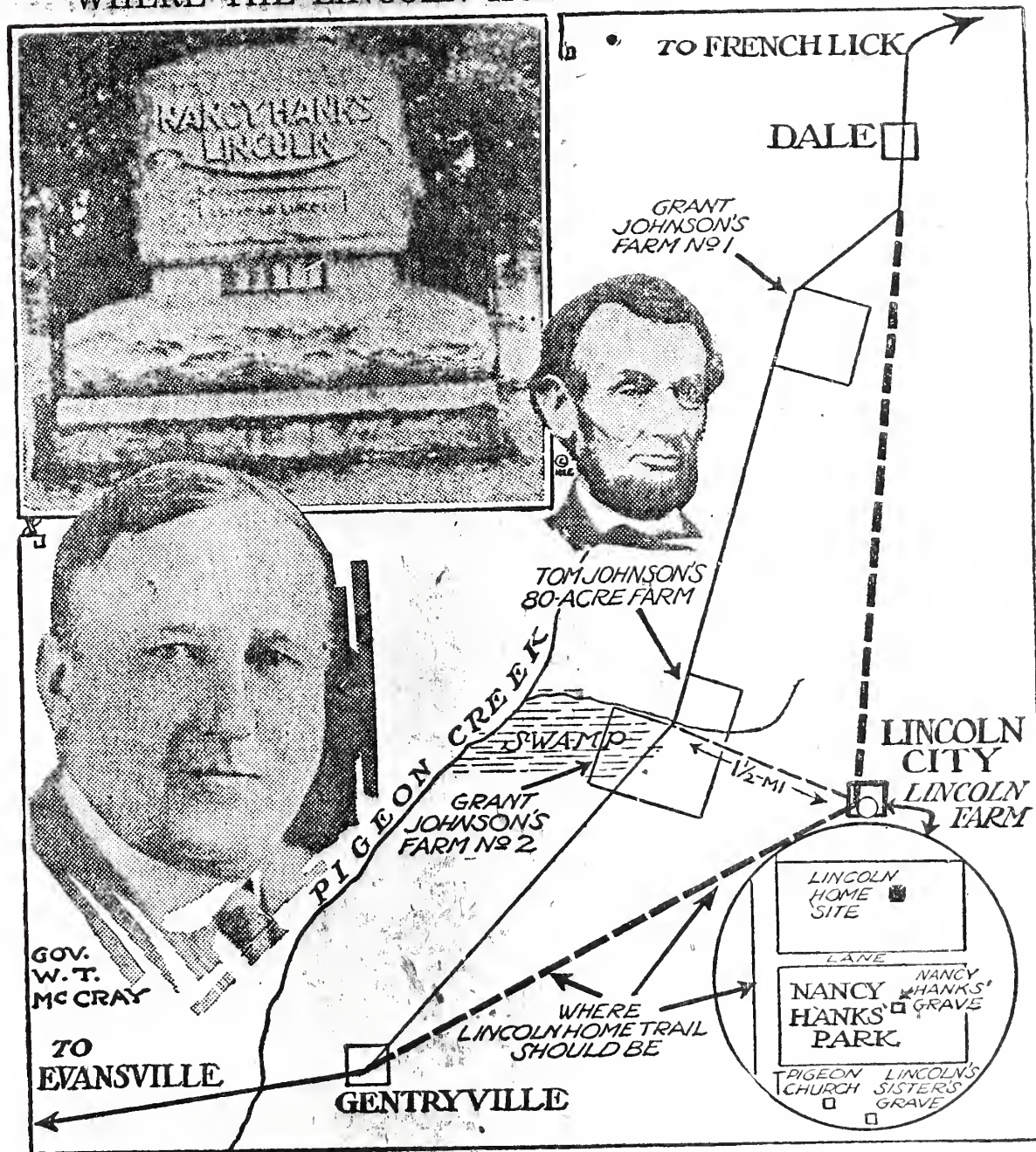
The Nancy Hanks Lincoln monument, erected to the memory of the mother of Abraham Lincoln, is near this place. The schoolhouse of Lincoln City stands upon the spot where the cabin stood, but every boy knows the tree.

So far as is known there still remains in Spencer county but one man who knew Abraham Lincoln when he was a boy. This is Redmond Griggsby, who lives in Christeney. He is now 90.



Lincoln Trail

# WHERE THE LINCOLN HOME TRAIL SHOULD RUN



The Lincoln Home Trail should run along the heavy broken line at the right in the map above, from Dale to Gentryville, passing through Lincoln City, the old Tom Lincoln farm, the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Me-

memorial park and past Pigeon church. The lighter line at left shows how the highway has been routed a mile and a half west of the Lincoln farm. This route passes both of Grant Johnson's farms and his brother's farm. The diagram in the lower

corner shows the location of scenes famed in Lincoln's life on the old Lincoln farm. Inset are pictures of the monument over the grave of Lincoln's mother and Governor McCray of Indiana, the man who can say: "Build the true Lincoln Home Trail."



# Make Lincoln Farm Into Park for Public, Is Plea Of Dr. William E. Barton

BY WILLIAM E. BARTON  
Author of "The Soul of Abraham  
Lincoln."

Lincoln lovers all over the world will rejoice in the decision of Governor Warren T. McCray that the Lincoln highway is to be constructed by way of Lincoln City.

The road will reach every one of the places of chief interest, and for nearly two miles it will lie along the habitual trail of the young Lincoln as he trudged back and forth to and from the postoffice at Gentryville.

There remains one good thing for the state of Indiana to do, and that is to—

Purchase the remainder of the land which was cleared by Thomas and Abraham Lincoln and add it to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln park. This can be accomplished at trifling cost.

Thomas Lincoln chose a beautiful spot for the burial of his wife, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of Abraham Lincoln. The grave is on the rounded summit of a wooded hill, visible two miles down the Lincoln Home trail.

There still remain trees whose age antedates the arrival of the white man.

## Farm Now Nancy Hanks Park.

The park is owned by the state of Indiana, and contains 16½ acres. The original half-acre—God's half-acre—had already been deeded to the public as a place of burial before Indiana made the park named for Lincoln's mother.

The park is well kept. The custodian, Noah Spurlock, is devoted to his work. The present appropriation for the upkeep is \$1,200 a year, which includes the salary of the custodian, \$75 a month.

Two acres which are especially desirable, lie near the entrance. They disfigure the approach. They can be bought for \$550, including an old shack which would probably be removed.

This should be bought without a day's delay. The new highway will greatly multiply the number of tourists visiting the spot. There should be more parking space and a dignified approach to the park and its graves.

But a far better thing would be to buy the entire tract of cleared land that was included in the original Lincoln farm and improved by Thomas and Abraham Lincoln.

This can be done at very small cost. The land is not highly improved. It is cut into town lots, and only one of them, the school lot, has an extensive building. That building and its playground should remain just as they are.

Nothing could be more appropriate than that the Lincoln City school should be located, as it is, upon the Lincoln farm.

## Little Is Needed.

But the other buildings are few and cheap. They ought to be purchased and removed, and the whole tract simply but effectively treated. Not much needs to be done to it.

There should be some planting of native trees, oaks and sycamores, and there should be open areas seeded and in condition for the use of parties.

No one in Lincoln City, so far as I could learn, holds any land at high prices for the purpose of selling it to the state.

The people there resident, many of them descendants of the original families, hold the name of Lincoln in high honor, and would be willing to sell their holdings at their cost, with the privilege of removing their small buildings.

The whole cost would not exceed \$5,000. The sum is a mere trifle.

The land to be purchased should begin at the school ground, and should include, as I judge, about forty additional acres. There are about

eight small buildings, no one of which can have cost over \$500. Most of this land is unimproved. It lies high, and while not first class farming land, is admirably adapted to park purposes.

## States Have Lincoln Parks.

Illinois has purchased the site of New Salem, and has made of it a state park.

The national government has acquired the entire Kentucky farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born, and it is a national park.

Kentucky and Illinois have within their borders these two large areas fully protected.

Indiana should own the Lincoln farm in its practical entirety.

Out of the original farm must come the school property, the right of way of the railway company, public roads and perhaps some of the more remote private holdings.

It is not necessary that the precise area covered by the original deed should be secured.

What is important is that now, before the Lincoln highway increases the cost of land, the state shall secure what will adequately preserve to posterity the home site and farm of the Lincolns in Indiana.

Thomas and Nancy Lincoln, with their two children, Sarah and Abraham, removed from Kentucky to this farm in the autumn of 1816.

## Land Consecrated by His Toil.

Here, from the time he was seven until he was twenty-one, Abraham Lincoln toiled with the ax and plow and scythe.

This farm, from the fall of 1816 till the first day of March, 1830, was his home. There his mother died, October 5, 1818.

There is not an acre of this farm that is not consecrated by his toil.

Its soil is consecrated by the tears which he shed at the grave of his mother.

Let the state of Indiana acquire it; put in some old-fashioned well-sweeps at the oldest wells; plant, under proper direction, grass and timber with alternating areas of light and shade; gather up and preserve the few local trustworthy traditions concerning special spots of interest, and hand down to posterity a Lincoln farm in Indiana comparable with that in Kentucky or with the New Salem reservation in Illinois.

The Indiana legislature is now in session.

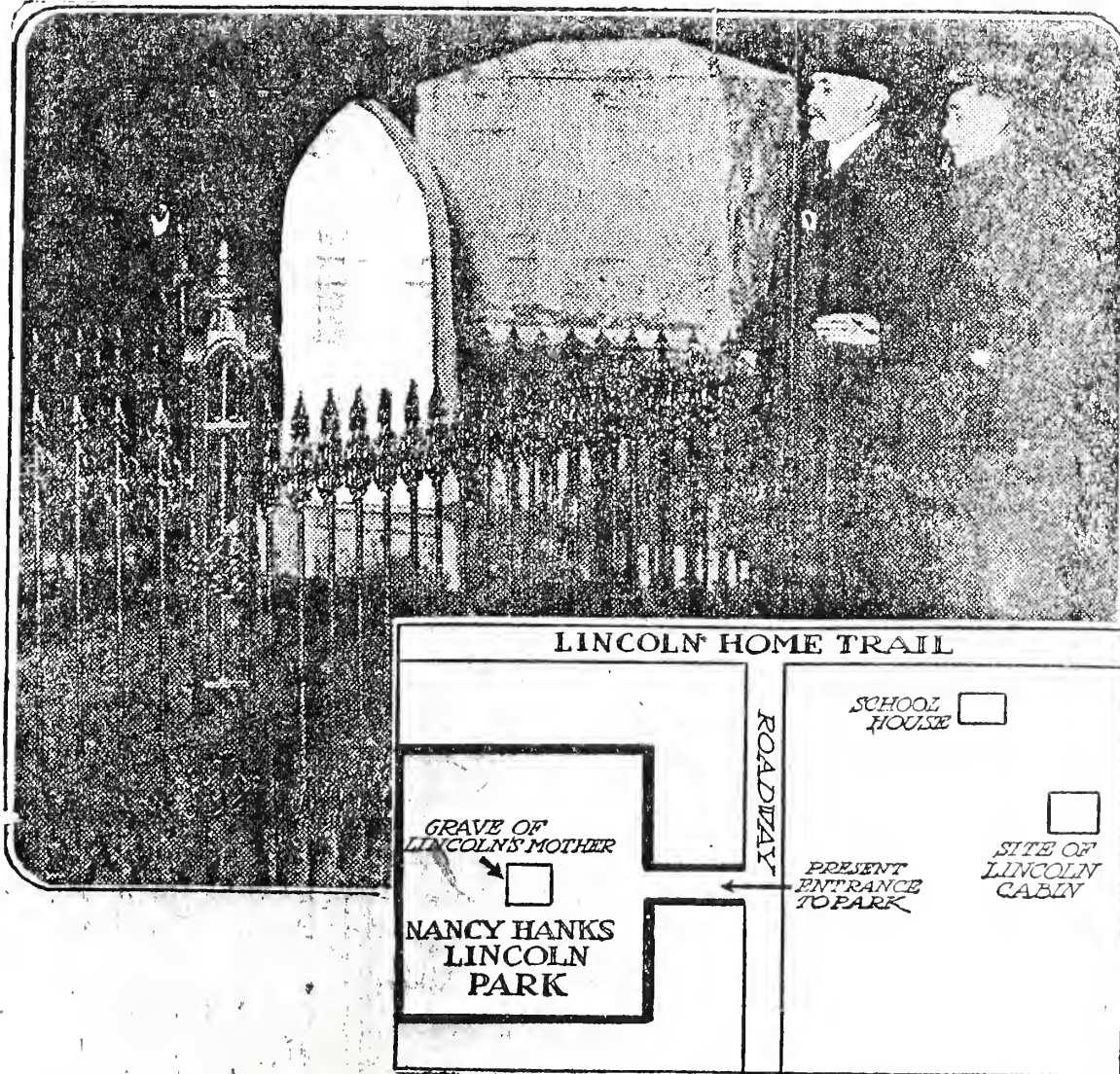
It is hardly conceivable that any member would vote against a bill for the purchase of this property.

It will receive the approbation of Lincoln lovers now and perpetually.



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# DOCTOR BARTON AT LINCOLN'S MOTHER'S GRAVE



Dr. William E. Barton and Noah Spurlock, custodian of Nancy Hanks Lincoln park, standing near the monument marking the last resting place of Lincoln's mother. The map shows the portion of the old Thomas Lincoln farm (in heavy lines) now included in the Nancy Hanks Lincoln park. The rest of the farm is designated with lighter lines, and includes the proposed Lincoln Home Trail and another roadway through the center of the farm. It is all this land (about 40 acres) east, north and south of the present area of the park, that Dr. Barton urges Indiana to purchase and make a state park.



# AIM EFFORTS TOWARD LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Indiana Pioneers Back From  
Trip to Lincoln City.

## VISIT HISTORIC SPOTS

Members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers and their guests of the Indiana Historical Society returned to Indianapolis late Sunday from their pilgrimage to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln grave at Lincoln City. At the grave Saturday afternoon they paid tribute to the memory of the Lincolns, mother and son; determined to urge the state to erect a memorial, perhaps on the site of the Lincoln cabin, and heard something of the story of the Lincolns in Indiana from the lips of one who years ago interviewed men and women who knew the Lincoln family in Indiana.

A resolution presented by Lee Burns, was adopted. It is as follows:

"The Society of Indiana Pioneers heartily approves the plan whereby the development and maintenance of the Nancy Lincoln park, where the mother of Abraham Lincoln is buried, will be done under the direction of the department of conservation of the state of Indiana.

"In this connection it is suggested by the society that the ground surrounding the grave should be preserved in its original simplicity, that the simple and appropriate marble headstone and the iron railing, erected years ago by the friends of Abraham Lincoln, should be retained, and that the large stone now immediately in front of the grave should be moved to the entrance of the park.

"The society also pledges its support to the movement now under way to erect in or near the park a worthy memorial to Abraham Lincoln, whose boyhood and manhood, the formative years of his life, were spent in the state of Indiana."

### Historic Spots Pointed Out.

William Fortune, a native of Warrick county, only a few miles from the neighborhood in which the Lincolns lived, was called on by Charles N. Thompson, president of the Society of Pioneers, to talk of the Lincolns in Indiana. He told of his investigations of the facts about the Lincolns during their residence in Indiana, pointed to the spot on which the Lincoln cabin stood, now marked by a simple stone erected by Spencer county, and told of the probable location of the first cabin built by Thomas Lincoln, a log hut of only three sides, used until the more permanent cabin was built. When the Lincolns came, he said, they were the only persons living within the region close by. It was only with the advent of the railroad junction that the town of Lincoln City in more recent years came into existence. Mr. Fortune told of the grave of Abraham Lincoln's sister, Sarah Lincoln Grigsby, at the Little Pigeon Creek Baptist church, a mile away.

Mr. Thompson, opening the ceremony, urged that a proper memorial to give evidence of Indiana's claim on the Lincolns, during the formative years of Abraham Lincoln's life, be erected. The society will not sponsor a movement, but it is ready to co-operate with any persons or any organization, to bring about such a memorial, he said. He called on Vinson Carter, a veteran of the civil war, to lay a wreath on the grave of Lincoln's mother.

### Jackson Favors, Word

Mr. Fortune announced to the pilgrims that Albert Wedeking, of Dale, chairman of the official state Lincoln memorial commission, had just received word from Governor Jackson that he favored appropriate action by the state in the erection of a memorial.

From Lincoln City the party went to Evansville, where it stayed Saturday night at the McCurdy hotel. It was greeted by F. Harold Van Orman, Lieutenant-Governor, manager of the hotel.

Returning to Indianapolis the party stopped at Vincennes Sunday afternoon to visit the site of old Ft. Sackville, the General William Henry Harrison home and other spots of interest. D. Frank Culbertson, Vincennes member of the George Rogers Clark sesquicentennial commission, told the pilgrims of plans now developing for observance of the 150th anniversary of the capture of Ft. Sackville by Clark, marking the end of British domination in the old northwest territory. The Society of Pioneers has joined with the Indiana Historical Society as sponsor for this movement.

## PASTORS TO URGE LINCOLN SHRINE

Will Co-Operate With Indiana Union in Announcements Tomorrow.

Many Indianapolis ministers have indicated their intention of co-operating with the Indiana Lincoln Union in promoting interest in the Lincoln memorial shrine in Spencer county, and in their sermons tomorrow will urge their listeners to give consideration to the project.

The movement for observing Lincoln Sunday in Indianapolis churches, in conjunction with Interracial Sunday, has been approved by the publicity committee of the Church Federation of Indianapolis, headed by Lester C. Nagley, and letters have been sent out asking ministers to co-operate with the Indiana Lincoln Union plans.

In their sermons, ministers have been asked to appeal to their listeners for support of the Lincoln memorial shrine because of the splendid qualities of Lincoln as a young man in Indiana, where he received some of his earliest impressions as a youth, prior to his residence in Illinois.

Teachers of Sunday school classes, especially the adult classes, will be asked to lend their moral support to the Lincoln memorial project as they bring their lessons from the life of Lincoln.

The federation will co-operate with the Indiana Lincoln Union to the fullest possible extent, according to the Rev. Ernest N. Evans, executive secretary of the federation. The direction of the part which the federation will play in increasing greater interest in the Lincoln shrine will be supervised by members of the publicity committee.

### STRESS CONTRIBUTION.

Local ministers have annually stressed the tremendous contribution of Lincoln to the welfare of the nation, and with plans being made to erect a shrine in Indiana, which will be visited by thousands of tourists each year, special interest is being given the project, Dr. Evans pointed out.

Headed by Governor Ed. Jackson as honorary president, the Indiana Lincoln Union officers include civic lead-

# LINCOLN MEMORIAL IN SPENCER COUNTY, AIM

Sons of Veterans Seek State  
Aid for Project.

## HINES TO SELECT SITE

[Special to The Indianapolis News]

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., October 29.—A movement to establish a fitting memorial for Abraham Lincoln has been started by the Sons of Veterans of Terre Haute. Dr. L. N. Hines, president of the Indiana State Normal School and also president of the State Lincoln Association, will make a trip to Lincoln City in Spencer county next week to select a site for the memorial.

With the aid of Judge D. W. Henry and B. F. Stahl, also members of the Sons of Veterans, Dr. Hines will draft a bill to be presented to the state legislature, asking for an appropriation to buy this site and to build the memorial.

The cabin in which Abraham Lincoln lived in Indiana is near Lincoln City. Now, only a small placard marks this cottage. Not far away is the cemetery where a modest marker stands at the grave of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Dr. Hines's idea is to buy the ground embracing these two spots, and to include them in the memorial.

"Indiana is the only one of the three states in which Lincoln spent most of his life, which has not yet erected a memorial to him," Dr. Hines said. "Kentucky has its memorial at his birthplace, and Illinois has erected one at Springfield. Indiana must have one as fine as either of these."

Judge Henry married the daughter of Colonel Richard Thompson, who was secretary of the navy under Lincoln, and he has letters written by Lincoln which have never been published. Captain Stahl is superintendent of the Glenn Orphanage.

The Terre Haute Sons of Veterans will ask the aid of all Indiana chapters of the organization to obtain the passage of the bill by the legislature.

Ann Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend is president; Will H. Hays of New York, an elder in the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. John W. Kern of Indianapolis are vice presidents; Thomas Taggart of French Lick is treasurer and Dr. Stanley Coulter of Purdue university, secretary.

Churches, schools, social and patriotic organizations and luncheon clubs have been urged by Richard Lieber of Indianapolis, chairman of the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union, to observe Lincoln Sunday.

The site of the proposed Lincoln shrine is about fifty miles south of French Lick and forty miles east of Evansville. Two hilltops are of special interest in the project, one being the site of the log cabin in which Lincoln lived from the time he was 7 years old until he was 21, and the other being the site of the grave of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

To make these hilltops nationally known Indianapolis ministers will be asked to join with thousands of other citizens who have become enthusiastic indorsers of the movement and help stir the state to action in erecting suitable monuments or built a memorial shrine which will fittingly record the new appreciation of the influence of the environment on the life of Lincoln, and at the same time pay a long-owed tribute to his heroic mother.

The state already owns seventy acres around the grave of Lincoln's mother and acquisition of an additional twenty acres lying to the north, including the site where the Lincoln cabin home was located, is proposed.



# PLANS LAID FOR LINCOLN SHRINE

## "Indiana Has Right to Call Emancipator Her Son,"

Jackson Says

"The temper of Abraham Lincoln's manhood was tested and the foundation of his character developed inside the boundaries of Indiana, and this state has the right to call Lincoln her son," Governor Ed Jackson declared at a dinner of the Indiana Lincoln Union at the Claypool hotel last night when an outline for a national shrine at Nancy Hanks Lincoln's grave in Spencer county was presented and plans made for a campaign for construction of the shrine.

Plans for the shrine were presented to the entire statewide committee of approximately one hundred and twenty-five persons and a number of guests by Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee of the union, and Frederick Law Olmsted of Brookline, Mass., landscape architect, who will design the shrine.

In his outline Mr. Lieber declared that it is the purpose of the present plan, aside from the necessary formal treatment of the exterior, to bring back the actual natural conditions prevailing at the time of the Lincoln residence.

"From the beginning it was plain to us that the main area, the sanctuary which includes the site of Lincoln's cabin and his mother's grave, should be freed of every petty, distracting alien, self-assertive object," he said.

### TO BUY 30 ACRES.

The plan submitted to the statewide committee includes the acquisition of approximately thirty acres of additional land, which would include the site of the Lincoln cabin and the joining of this with the tract now owned by the state surrounding the Nancy Hanks Lincoln grave into an impressive landscape, fitting to honor Lincoln and his mother. Changes in the present routes of a railroad and state highway that adjoin the state park were presented, and plans were shown for the construction of wooded entrances, a large memorial hall and tall flagpole.

The meeting was attended by a large number of state officials, committee members and others whose approval of the plan was asked and from among whom selections were made for county drives for funds with which to construct the memorial.

### BEGINNING OF NEW ERA.

"I mark this night as the beginning of a new era in the history of Indiana," Governor Jackson said. "A significant movement has had an auspicious start. We can not go away from this splendid meeting tonight without each of us in his heart feeling that by his participation in this program he has become a part of a great cause that shall contribute to the fullness of his existence. We should lift up our voices in thanksgiving that the hour has come in this state when, with one accord, our citizens are demanding that we delay no longer from paying our debt of obligation to Lincoln and his pioneer mother.

"It is with a profound sense of gratitude, therefore, that I note in this state the awakening of the spirit of appreciation for the life of truthfulness that Lincoln lived and the yearning on the part of our people to give expression to our sentiment for the gentle mother—Nancy Hanks Lincoln. How clear must have been the conception of that mother—how clear should be our sense of obligation to her. The citizens of a state should be encouraged to express a worthy sentiment. They should be encouraged to create something beautiful in giving expression to that sentiment. The spirit of gratefulness should be cherished and citizens should be given every opportunity to indulge in an inspirational undertaking. Sentiment is a priceless possession and no people can be really great without it.

"Indiana is most fortunate in being able to crystallize this growing sense of appreciation for Lincoln by the establishment of a memorial tribute at the site where he grew up and at the grave where his mother lies buried.

"While Indiana does not presume to say that the total source of Lincoln's greatness can be revealed in a study of his associations and environment during the fourteen years of his residence in this state, nor attempts to claim that only in the rugged solitudes of the pioneer frontier of southern Indiana in the early half of the nineteenth century could such a character develop, but Indiana can boast that during the formative period of his life, Lincoln did live within her boundary.

### TRIBUTE TO MOTHER.

"Lincoln, however, did not learn his unflinching sympathy and unerring understanding of his fellow men from the struggle for existence against the rigors of rugged nature. A gentle mother watched over him, loved him, and asked him to live a good life. To her, then, it is decent that we pay honest tribute. Perhaps she was wiser than she knew, for where in history can we find a great man whose heart had the capacity of such infinite sorrow and sympathy even for his enemies as that which beat in the breast of Lincoln?

"Here is a great life. It needs no false dramatization or embellishment to enhance its inspiration. It is worthy of commemoration. There should be some sort of an adequate testimonial of the present understanding of the greatness of that life that we could pass on to posterity. Here is an opportunity to build a shrine that would stimulate the imagination and instill new inspiration. We desire to express our appreciation of Lincoln not only because we love him for the man he was, but fundamentally because we would perpetuate his memory and relay his influence to the future generation. Here in the pioneer days of this state the foundations of his character were laid; here the habits of mind, heart and body that were to raise him above the level of other men when later opportunities placed him at the head of a nation, were disciplined. When he left Indiana at the age of 21 years it is our privilege to assume that the temper of his manhood had been tested and the foundations of his character had been developed. It is enough. Indiana has the right to call Lincoln her son and in this she is going to take just pride.

"The great North and South and East and West traffic arteries of the nation pass through Indiana. The state is located ideally for a great national shrine. Its excellent highway and railway systems make the Lincoln City memorial site accessible. The nation can make its pilgrimage to pay homage to Lincoln and his mother at the crossroads of the nation.

### "TO WAIT IS TO SHIRK."

"It is for us to accept this responsibility. To wait is to shirk a duty. How are we to know that the next generation also might be as faithless, if we failed now? How are we to know but that to fail to go ahead now would be to deny the coming generations a vital inspiration? We have waited long enough. We have talked long enough. Let us accept the challenge.

"The magnitude of the undertaking challenges the imagination. When we consider our responsibility to the future peoples of the great commonwealth, it is well that we pledge ourselves to take every care to safeguard against blunders and possible misun-

derstanding. But once the direction of the movement is determined its course must be steered without deviation or contradiction. United in one aim, we must go forward in this enterprise with no thought of wavering or turning back. From the beginning let us pledge ourselves that this enterprise must be conducted along straightforward and honest lines. Deception, intrigues and subterfuge and desires for personal preference and recognition can have no place in a campaign for a Lincoln memorial.

"In closing I would make only this further remark: While you and I shake out our petty existences, believing ourselves of some importance, it is well to remember that our names may be forgotten in a generation, but the energy we put into the establishment of this memorial will live for all time. Though our names may be forgotten, our influence, because we did not fail our obligation, through the creation of this monumental tribute, shall not and can not perish from the earth."

## Honor Park Enthusiast



Col. Richard Lieber.

(Special to The News-Sentinel)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Indiana's state park system, regarded highly by National Park Service officials here, was responsible for the appointment of a Hoosier, Col. Richard Lieber, Indianapolis, as a member of the new advisory committee to the park service.

In announcing Colonel Lieber's appointment by Secretary Ickes, the park service stressed the Indianan's record in the state. He is also president of the National Conference on State Parks and a member of the executive board of the American Civic Association.

"The State of Indiana is indebted to him," said the Park Service, "for its state park system, which he built up with practically no cost to the state for the acquisition of land, at the same time placing these parks on a self-supporting basis."

Colonel Lieber and the other members of the advisory committee will work with the Park Service in all matters pertaining to state and local parkways.



# INDIANA SHRINE FOR BOY LINCOLN AND HIS MOTHER

Beautiful Memorial Will Com-  
memorate Earlier Years  
of His Life

FUNDS SECURED BY  
POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION

Famed New York Designs Mag-  
nificent Temple At  
Evansville

Evansville, Ind., Feb 11—The old Tom Lincoln farm, over in Spencer county, is about to undergo some extensive improvements.

A prominent architect and a landscape artist have been there to look over the place and surveyors have been busy squinting through their transits. When estimates are mentioned they often run into six or seven figures.

Of course it was Abraham Lincoln, son of Tom and Nancy Hanks who furnished the motive for all this activity. Abraham spent fourteen years of his boyhood in Spencer county, left when he was twenty one finally turned up in the White House and has been hailed ever since as perhaps the greatest of United States' presidents.

But it was the Evansville Press, The Free Press and hundreds of other newspapers throughout the country that actually put the movement under way to build a great shrine in Indiana to the memory of Abraham Lincoln and his mother, who died on the Spencer county farm.

## Many Kinds of Tributes

No one in all history has had so many tributes paid to his memory as has the "Great Emancipator." They take all shapes and forms. Parks, colleges, libraries, paintings, verse and biography all serve to perpetuate his name. Washington, D. C. has a \$3,000,000 memorial temple and a bronze statue. At his birthplace in Kentucky is another bronze and a shrine covering the log cabin in which he was born. Springfield and Chicago have imposing monuments. A copy of one of St. Gaudens' Lincolns stands in the shadow of Westminster Abbey. Edinburgh, Scotland, where Lincoln never set foot, has a magnificent bronze.

The list could scarcely be made complete. Almost every large city, and many a small one, has its statue or memorial building. No great event of Lincoln's life — with one exception — is without a commemorative memorial.

The one exception and a notable one is Indiana, where Lincoln spent fourteen years of his life. A little stone marker and an ornate

iron fence have been put up in memory of his mother. Another marker that looks like a tombstone shows the location of the cabin where the family lived.

## His Formative Years

So for a long time those hills and woods and fields of Spencer county, all sacred to the boyhood dreams of Lincoln, went without a shrine. Nobody gave much thought to the place where he gained his giant strength, began his own education, first knew joy and sorrow, ambition and achievement.

A few years ago the Evansville Press started the drive to erect a temple in the heart of the region where Lincoln spent his formative years. The state of Indiana eagerly swung into line, but national support was needed.

So the Press appealed to NEA Service, world's largest newspaper feature organization. NEA sent the story to The Free Press and hundreds of newspapers in other cities. As a result many Free Press readers were among the thousands of Lincoln admirers who sent petitions to the governor of Indiana. A commission finally was named by the legislature, architects called in, and the plan put under way.

Thomas Hibben, famed New York City architect, has designed the shrine to Lincoln and his mother. In line and mass, the building will convey all the beauty and dignity of Lincoln's character, that stately architecture can convey.

"It had to have simple and pure truth of structure," says Hibben. "It had to have such grandeur of scale as was the character of Lincoln. In no way could any material or form be warped from its natural use and the entire structural function of all parts had to be immediately apparent and sound."

"The building will take the form of a series of quadrangular courts surrounding the main structure, from which will rise a carillon tower. The courts are to be bounded by open cloisters which will connect through the aerial pylons. Within each court will be a pool with flowers and ivy on the walls."

"Above the arches of the cloister will run a band of low relief sculpture, which will be portrayed the birth and development of a race."

## Central Tower

The vaulted ceilings and the walls of the cloister are to be treated with frescoes, Hibben explains. Through each of the arches of these cloisters will be countless vistas of other courts, pools, and of the tower itself rising one hundred and fifty feet above them.

"The tower will be pierced with long vertical openings, and within will hang great chimes," says the architect. "Under the chimes will be an organ for those occasions of celebrating in music the memory which we will symbolize."

"On each side of the tower will be an enclosed hall with high, clear windows, lighting the walls, ceilings and the mural paintings in character with the building."

"The whole group about two hundred feet in each direction, will be of sufficient size to accommodate large groups of people who may in the

peace and gentle beauty it is our hope to create, receive new inspirations from its contact."

## Have Seventy Acres

Already at the site of the original Lincoln farm, seventy acres have been acquired. Plans contemplate raising the sum of \$1,265,000 which will provide for any additional land, the landscaping, design and erection of the memorial building, necessary roads and also the moving of a railroad which now almost bisects the land which is to be parked.

Frederick Law Olmstead of Brookline, Massachusetts, nationally known landscape artist who has been chosen to shape the grounds says:

"The main area, the sanctuary which includes the site of Lincoln's cabin and his mother's grave should be freed of every petty distracting alien object. For that reason, the present state highway will be carried south and east of the sanctuary. The branch railroad will be moved. Provision will be made to care for visitors and their automobiles outside of the park. All vehicular traffic within the sanctuary of course, will be excluded."

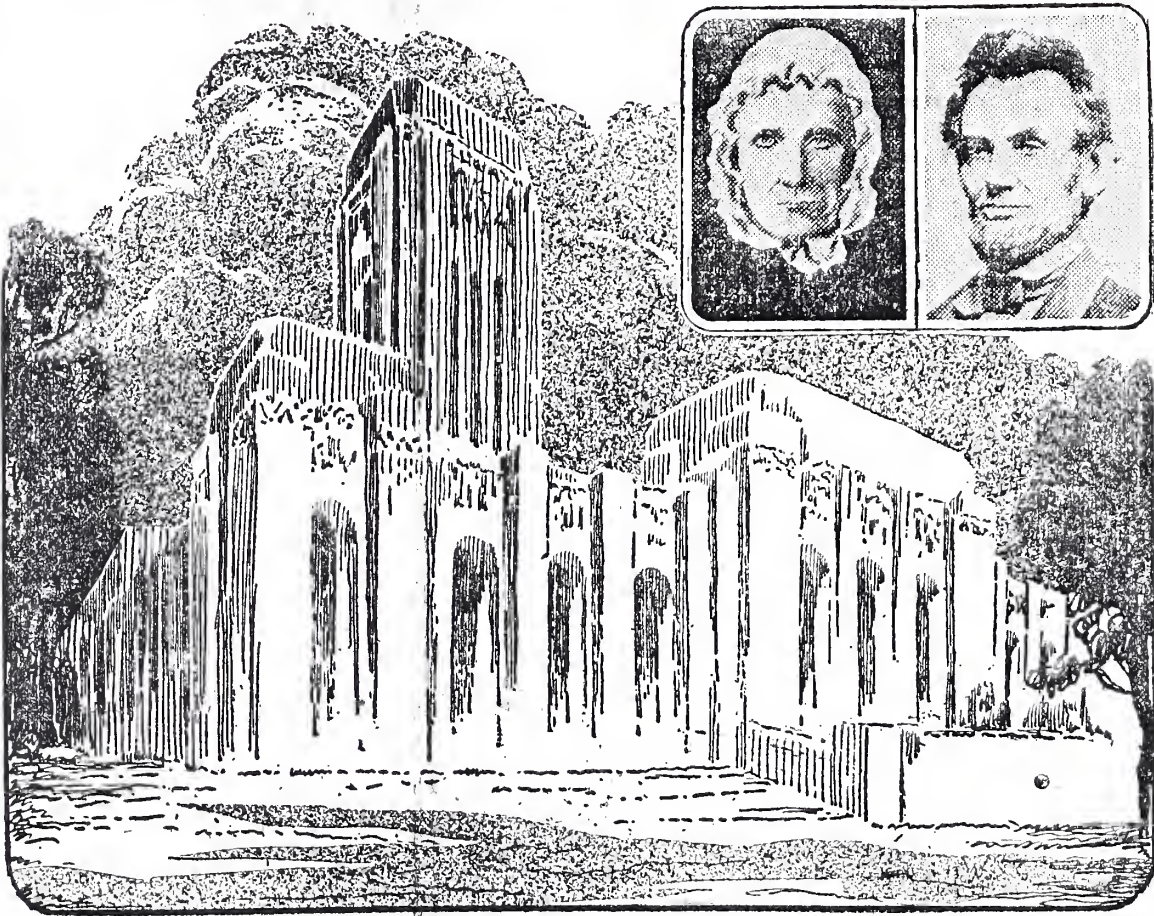
## Accommodate Thousands

"Provision also must be made for crowds of several thousands who come to listen to addresses and take part in exercises appropriate to the locality."

There will be magnificent vistas through the wooded hills. All points of historic interest will be suitably marked. Even trees, shrubs and wild flowers to be planted will be selected with a view to their historical and botanical correctness.

So at last Indiana, which has contributed so much to the total of Lincoln's greatness is to have a shrine not only to the man, but to the boy and his mother.

## INDIANA'S TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN



Architect Hibben's design of the memorial in southern Indiana to Abraham Lincoln and his mother, both shown in the inset.



# PLEA FOR STATE LINCOLN SHRINE MADE BY WALB

## G. O. P. Chairman Outlines Governor's Plans at Lo- gansport Dinner.

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]  
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Feb. 11.—

"Our Greatest Hoosier, Our Greatest American," was the theme of an address here tonight by Clyde A. Walb, chairman of the Indiana Republican central committee, at the fourteenth annual Lincoln day banquet by Cass county Republicans.

About two hundred and fifty persons from Cass and other counties in the Eleventh congressional district were present at the banquet and program. Attorney W. T. Wilson presided.

"Referring to Lincoln as a Hoosier," Mr. Walb said, "We have recognized him and we have claimed him. We have called him the first American because of his coming from the very heart of the great American masses and he was the expression of the very highest ideals of the common people and represented the most honest simplicity."

### OBTAINED IN INDIANA

"He secured these qualities in Indiana; in Spencer county, Indiana, having here secured his lessons in mental and physical training with which he was able to teach the future generations."

"Indiana should awaken to the opportunity and take just pride and credit for the privilege occasioned our great commonwealth in having with us Lincoln during his life until he reached manhood."

"Just now on every hand civic and patriotic organizations are rallying to the call of our own Governor Ed Jackson sounded last month when he appointed a committee of 125 representative citizens to take charge and direct a movement encouraging the people of our state to express their sentiment of Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks, in some monumental form. The spirit of gratefulness should be cherished in a people and they should be given every opportunity to indulge in this inspirational work, for sentiment is a priceless possession and no people can be really great without it."

### STATE OWNS 60 ACRES.

"Our state already owns sixty acres surrounding the grave of the mother of our greatest American and it is proposed that the land surrounding the cabin sites be purchased immediately and that a suitable memorial be erected there."

"Our Governor has headed this committee with prominent Hoosiers and public spirited leaders, representing every field of worthy activity, and has asked them to determine what can be done to make the Spencer county memorial grounds a national shrine."

"Rightly, I think the Governor and the committee have decided to have this expression come direct from the people. As a member of the committee, which by the way is the Indiana Lincoln Union, I am authorized to say it is our hope that whatever form the Indiana memorial ultimately takes it will be a sincere and honest expression of the people's sentiment."

"The vision that was Lincoln's is becoming our vision. We are climbing toward the pedestal as he climbed and said, 'With malice toward none, with charity for all.'"

### MONUMENT AS TESTIMONIAL.

"We must make this memorial an outward expression of the inner pledge to break down the fetters of prejudice and practice in our daily lives in politics, in business and in religion and dedicate this monument as a testimonial of our emancipation from all selfishness and a mile stone in the march of progress toward political integrity."

"Indiana has waited long enough. To delay is to shirk a duty."

"Governor Jackson has asked that every school, church and public gathering in the state remember Indiana's obligation to Abe Lincoln and his mother."

"Let us accept the responsibility; let us pledge ourselves to be worthy of the trust."

### QUOTES GOVERNOR.

"In closing permit me to bring this message from Governor Jackson, who has outlined the policy of the campaign in the following words:

"There is not a man, woman or child in our state, however lowly their circumstances may be—whose life has not been touched for the better by that of Lincoln. Every individual and every organization is heartily invited—nay awaited to participate, and to co-operate, but no individual nor organization as such, may seek or hope to receive preferential consideration."

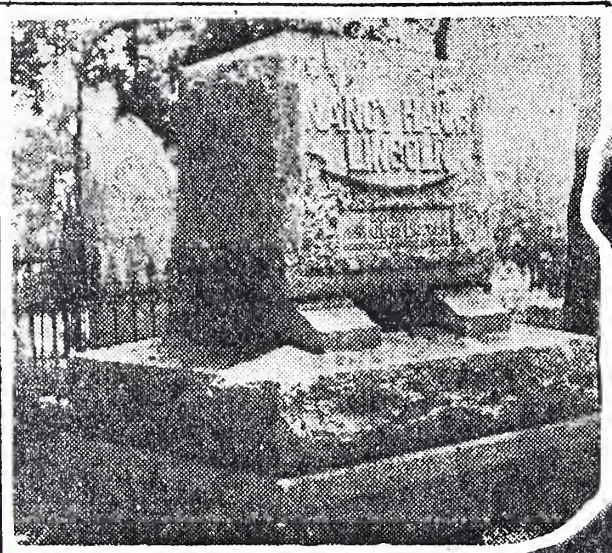
"It is not often that an opportunity presents itself to all of the people to share alike in a great cause. This is one. It is unthinkable that in the culmination of this project a monument should have been reared other than in the true Lincolnian spirit of 'by the people, for the people and of the people.'"

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# INDIANA TARDILY AWAKENS TO DUTY IN CONSERVING CABIN SITES OF LINCOLN HOMES AND MOTHER'S GRAVE

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A "CLOSE-UP" OF THE TWO MONUMENTS

One hundred years ago today an uncouth Indiana youth inauspiciously passed his eighteenth birthday in a humble home in Spencer county. Today, the 118th anniversary of the birth of that boy, Abraham Lincoln, the nations of the world exalt his character and perpetuate his memory.

Indiana has permitted the significant fourteen years that Lincoln lived in this state practically to be forgotten. During the last fifty years periodical movements, led by patriotic groups, to stimulate Hoosierdom to wakefulness of its opportunity to erect a shrine at the grave of Lincoln's mother in Spencer county have met with little success.

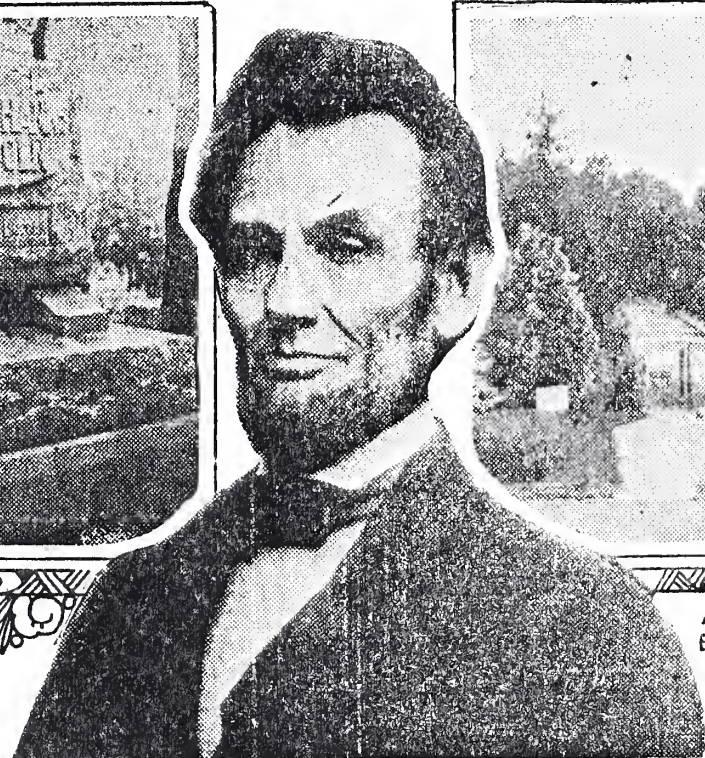
While it was here in this state that he grew into manhood; here that the habits and strength of mind, heart and body, which were to save the nation in later years, were developed, and here that the mother who gave him birth lies buried, Indiana has done little to express her appreciation in any permanent form for the inspiration of Lincoln's life.

But Indiana is awakening to her obligation. A new movement to erect a national shrine at the grave and cabin sites has had an auspicious start. Governor Ed Jackson has appointed a state-wide committee of 125 citizens, which has been named the Indiana Lincoln Union, to take charge of the undertaking. Land surrounding the grave has been bought, more is to be acquired, including the cabin site, landscape architects have been employed, and throughout the state and nation plans are being made to support the enterprise.

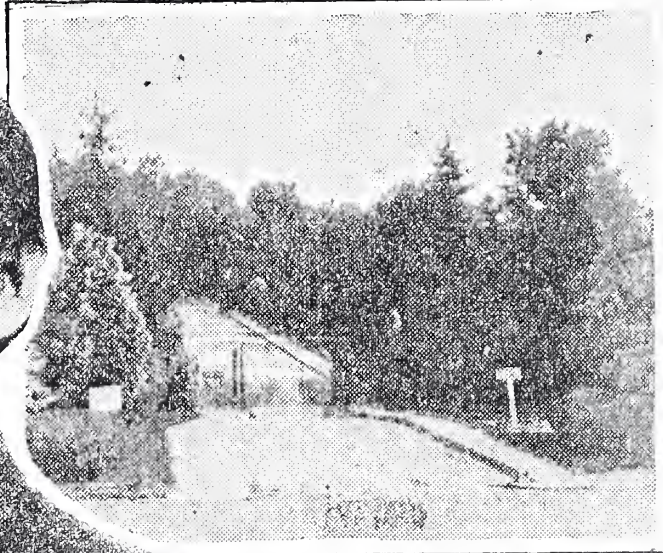
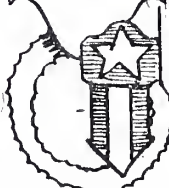
## Other Lincoln Memorials.

Kentucky has enshrined Lincoln's birthplace. Illinois guards his ashes in a monumental structure. The District of Columbia has erected a temple to his undying memory. And this year Indiana is preparing to pay fitting tribute to his mother and commemorate the ground where he lived during the formative years of his life with a memorial expression that will relay our appreciation of his life and influence to all future generations.

The site of the proposed memorial lends itself readily to the purpose. The grave is situated on a pic-



ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
(BACHRACH REPRODUCTION)



A SUMMER VIEW OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARK AT LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA.



MANY NOTABLES ATTENDED THE DEDICATION OF THE STATE MONUMENT TO NANCY HANKS LINCOLN IN 1902

a letter from Ben B. Dale, of Cincinnati, attorney for the former owners of the half-acre, who said he had only recently visited the grave. "It was almost impossible to reach it by reason of the growth of underbrush and the fact that there was no path or road or drive which led to the spot whatever," he wrote the Governor.

This letter stimulated the next movement. There was talk of removing the body to Indianapolis which greatly agitated officials of Spencer county and brought letters to Governor Mount from Spencer county residents vigorously protesting against such a move. As a result of this agitation the Governor called a meeting of the presidents and commanders of the following organizations: The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, commandery of the state of Indiana; the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Indiana; Union Veterans' Legion of Indiana, Indiana Department of the Sons of Veterans, Order of Lincoln of Indiana (an organization of colored soldiers), Ladies' Aid Society of Indiana and the county commissioners of Spencer county.

tion as a park and kept in good repair. Unless this condition was complied with, the deed provided that the property was to revert back to the county.

During that summer, also, United States Senator J. A. Hemenway sent a check to the association for \$100, and later Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the President, sent a check for \$1,000. This brought the total collections of the association to \$1,156.52.

October 1, 1902, a new monument was dedicated at the grave. This was a large block of granite sent to the site by the Illinois Lincoln Association from the Springfield memorial.

By 1906 the grounds and the grave again had fallen into neglect and the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Association had ceased to function and was practically forgotten. A new movement was started by the historical societies in the "pocket" counties. They decided to hold a big meeting at the grave, but investigation revealed that the grounds were in deplorable condition. The Spencer county commissioners threatened to file suit to set aside the instrument dedicating the

expended by the association, leaving a balance of \$925.37.

The new board was authorized by the 1907 act to improve and maintain the grounds about the grave and erect a substantial and ornamental fence around the burial ground. The act appropriated \$5,000 for this purpose and further designated that \$500 was to be appropriated annually for the maintenance of the park. The board consisted of three commissioners, one of whom was to be the secretary of the state board of forestry.

Davis Enloe, a life-long resident of Lincoln City, about ten years ago found the site of the last cabin occupied by the Lincolns in Indiana in the present schoolhouse yard on the hill opposite that on which the grave is situated. The Spencer county commissioners erected a modest stone marking the spot.

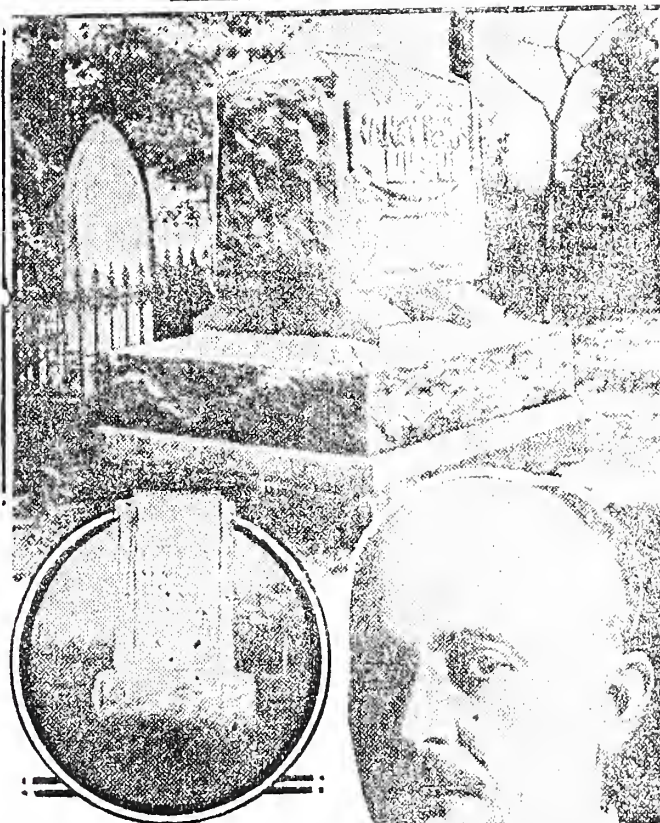
In 1917 the legislature made additional appropriations amounting to \$1,200 to the burial ground commission for repairs.

## \$5,000 Is Appropriated.

The 1923 legislature created a new Lincoln memorial commission.



## INDIANA PLANS LINCOLN SHRINE AT SCENE OF HIS BOYHOOD HOME



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By the Associated Press.

LINCOLN CITY, Ind., February 12. —A national shrine is to be reared at the Indiana scene where Abraham Lincoln spent his formative years and where his mother lies buried.

At the age of 7 Lincoln came with his parents from Kentucky into the wilderness just north of the Ohio River where this village now stands. All the schooling he had was obtained here, and in the adjacent hills and woodlands he learned the pioneer art of rail splitting.

He was 9 when he helped his father hew the rude coffin in which Nancy Hanks Lincoln, his mother, was buried under the elms and oaks.

Today two tombstones stand where the Lincolns could put only a humble wooden marker, and a modest stone behind the village schoolhouse designates the site of one of the two log cabins in which the Lincolns lived until Abe was 21.

The first of the stones now standing at Nancy Hanks' grave was not erected until after Lincoln's death. Its inscription tells that it honors "Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Mother of President Lincoln, Died October 5, A. D., 1818, Aged 35 Years." The other stone, erected later outside the iron fence which incloses the grave, is head-high and broader.

Top—Grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of Emancipator, at Lincoln City, Ind. Lower left—Marker on site of Lincoln cabin. Right—Richard Lieber, chairman of the Indiana Lincoln Union.

About this unimposing scene Indiana purposes to build a nobler symbol of Lincoln's Hoosier years. Richard Lieber, director of the State Department of Conservation, heads the committee of 125 appointed by Gov. Ed Jackson to comprise the Indiana Lincoln Union, directing the enterprise. A host of native Indians of note are allied in the effort, among them being Will H. Hays, George Ade, Kent Cooper, Albert J. Beveridge, Booth Tarkington and Thomas Taggart.

The State now owns 70 acres surrounding the grave of Lincoln's mother. It intends to acquire 20 acres more, encompassing the sites of the two Lincoln cabins.

has to start anew and before any effective plan can be put into action he is out of office. A little more than a year ago there was inaugurated in the Division of Iowa a plan for community service for the individual Camps. Its purpose, as expressed, was "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in every public school in the State of Iowa." There was nothing unique in the plan, but it was a plan. Wherever tried it has proven effective. Surely it is worth while that the communities of a state should learn to know Lincoln more and more, and that there should be forever before the youth of our land, the immortal words of the great leader in the days of the Civil War.—H. M. Pratt, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

#### MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN.

The matter of securing a proper memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, at Lincoln City, Indiana, where his mother is buried, has been receiving the attention of many Indiana people during the past few years.

On the evening of Lincoln's birthday last February, a meeting of the Grand Army Veterans and of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

was held at Memorial Hall, Terre Haute, Ind. At that meeting, the matter of a Lincoln Memorial was discussed. As a result of the discussion a committee of local citizens consisting of Judge D. W. Henry, Pres. L. N. Hines of the Indiana State Normal School and B. E. Stahl, Past Division Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, was appointed to draft a bill to be presented to the State Legislature, a bill that would provide a memorial in keeping with the great reputation of Lincoln, and with the spirit of Indiana in regards to all patriotic matters.

A short time ago Pres. Hines and Mr. Stahl made a trip to Lincoln City to look over the ground once more and to get into mind fully all the details of the local situation. Judge Henry was unable to make the trip on account of sickness.

The record of Indiana in regard to Lincoln memorials at Lincoln City has been deplorable. The State, with the exception of applying \$5,000 for the purchase of real estate, has done next to nothing. Spencer County gave the land surrounding the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. A friend of President Lincoln, in 1879, erected a simple head stone at the grave. Later,

other patriotic citizens donated a monument of some proportions. The State some years ago took over the Nancy Hanks Lincoln ground and has been taking care of it. The sum total of accomplishment, however, is pitifully small when it is recalled that Indiana was one of the three States that produced Lincoln.

It was at Lincoln City that Lincoln wrestled with the virgin soil and the forest about him. Abraham Lincoln grew in strength and stature. His few valuable friends, with invaluable books, helped him mentally. Here in the Indiana woods he developed from the product of the Kentucky A-B-C Schools to a man, ready to cope with adult problems.

On a slight elevation within the bounds of what is now known as Lincoln City, in Spencer County, only a short distance from the Ohio river, stood the first Lincoln home in Indiana. A tablet of stone marks the site, immediately adjacent to which is the village public school. The cabin stood there within the memory of those now living. The tablet succeeded a cedar tree as a marker. From this point in the unbroken wilderness Thomas Lincoln walked half way across the State to Vincennes to record his title to the ground which he had cleared. Two years later Abraham Lincoln lost his mother by death; at that time Lincoln was only about seven years of age.

The committee appointed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War made a report at the recent mid-winter meeting of the Sons and Auxiliary, at Indianapolis, and Pres. Hines explained the bill which has been drawn for the consideration of the State Legislature. Some suggestions of the bill are as follows:

Purchase all the land that was originally in the Lincoln Farm. Remove from the farm and land all the houses thereon which would mean removing a part of Lincoln City. Erect a cabin on the land as near like the original Lincoln Cabin as possible. Erect on the Lincoln farm a memorial building, architecture in keeping with the greatness of Lincoln and the simplicity of his life; a building that would serve as a Lincoln Museum and Library. Erect in the neighborhood a State Hotel for the accommodation of visitors who come by the thousands through the years to visit this sacred spot. Provide for an outdoor hillside amphitheatre of large proportions for taking care of patriotic meetings and for the

presentation of a Lincoln pageant every two, three or five years. The actors in this pageant should as far as possible, be descendants of the people who lived in the neighborhood during Lincoln's time. The production of this pageant would be a great patriotic service and would draw the attention of people throughout the civilized world. Build a Lincoln way of hard road over the route that the Lincoln family took when it left its Indiana home and went to Vincennes across the Wabash into Illinois. Erect at Vincennes a Lincoln memorial bridge.

This article will give the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War an idea of the magnitude of the proposed bill which has been prepared and will be introduced in the Legislature at the proper time. If this bill passes Indiana could then begin to take its place with Kentucky and Illinois in the matter of erecting memorials to the Great Emancipator.

As a starter the proposed bill asks the Legislature for an appropriation of \$300,000.00 to purchase land and begin the erection of the proposed memorial as outlined above. All Patriotic organizations over the Country are invited to lend their assistance and influence to this most worthy cause.—Benjamin E. Stahl.



## FUNDS GIVEN FOR MARKER TO LINCOLN

*Members of Grand Army  
of Republic First to Aid  
Indiana Campaign*

Los Angeles members of the Grand Army of the Republic have provided the first contribution for the fund out of which a national memorial to Lincoln is to be erected in Indiana.

The contribution was made at the instance of Col. A. B. Crampton, past commander of the Indiana Department of the G.A.R., State commander of the Loyal Legion and president of the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Board, who is spending the winter here.

Lincoln was reared from a 7-year-old boy to a 21-year-old man in Spencer county, Indiana, and on top of a hill there rests a stone marker of the cabin site where he lived and on top of an adjoining hill is the grave of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

It is proposed to create a great national shrine at the place and Gov. Jackson and State Conservation Director Lieber of Indiana, are at the head of the movement. They have established an Indiana Lincoln League to promote the undertaking but have not yet instituted the nation-wide campaign for public contributions.

"They received the California contribution with great rejoicing that the Golden State should be the first," Col. Crampton said.

He is at 3192 West Seventh street with Mrs. Crampton.

## Urge Indiana Give \$5,000 for Memorial to Lincoln.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—(Special to The Herald and Examiner)—Appointment by the governor of a commission of nine and a legislative appropriation of \$5,000 to buy twelve acres in Lincolnville, Ind., where Abraham Lincoln spent his boyhood, will be sought by the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Association, it was decided at a meeting today at the State House.

A motion was adopted to place in the State House a gold star to mark the approximate spot in the old State House where Lincoln's body lay in state on its way to Illinois.

Sixty-two years to the hour after Lincoln addressed a joint session of the Indiana Legislature, the Hoosier Assembly again met in joint session today to honor his memory.

Ex-Senator Roscoe Kiper of Booneville was the principal speaker.

An unsuccessful attempt was made in the House to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the full train crew bill. *Ch. Herald & Examiner Feb 12*

For Dr. Warren

## BUILDING THE BRIDGE FOR HIM

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An old man, traveling a lone highway,  
Came at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight  
dim,  
For the sullen stream held no fears  
for him.  
But he turned as he reached the other  
side,  
And builded a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with  
building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending  
day,  
And you never again will pass this  
way.

You have crossed the chasm deep and  
wide.  
Why build you a bridge at eventide?"  
And the builder raised his old gray  
head:  
"Good friend, on the path I have come,"  
he said,  
"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet will pass this way.

This stream, which has been as naught  
to me,  
To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall  
be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight  
dim--  
Good friend, I am building this bridge  
for him."

## INDIANA PAYS TRIBUTE TO MOTHER OF LINCOLN; AVIATOR DROPS ODE AT GRAVE OF NANCY HANKS.

LINCOLN CITY, IND. May 7, 1927.

Mothers' Day, officially set for tomorrow, was commemorated here today in honor of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Gathered at the grave of the mother of the Emancipator, the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union pledged itself to build a national shrine in honor of the mother who, despite the handicaps of a pioneer life, molded the character of Abraham Lincoln.

An aviator, flying low over the grave and cabin site, dropped this message:

"To the manes of Nancy Hanks Lincoln:  
The men and women of today are here beside your grave among the guarding trees to make their vow, your name shall never die. And to their praise we add our tribute from the sky.

We are the artificers of the past, whose handicraft has gained the praise of men. With stone and clay, with brush and pen, we wrought to leave expression of the truth we found. But you, you dared to take a living child, a plastic infant mind, to mold into a soul of love an instrument divine. Your genius used an art that ours was mean beside.

To you, then, Master Artist, we send our word of praise, through devious paths that masked the way you led with kindly hand a child into the light of truth and made an honest man."

Addressing the spirit of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in the name of the mothers of Indiana, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, President of the Union, laid a wreath upon the grave saying:

"Here at your altar on this peaceful knoll, mother of Lincoln, we pause today to meditate upon the thought that from this humble environment your influence, through your immortal son, has radiated around the world--a challenge to Motherhood."

# PLAN SHRINE TO MARK GRAVE OF NANCY LINCOLN

Organization Under Lead of  
Mrs. Anne Studebaker  
Carlisle Fosters  
Project.

ANNOUNCED BY JACKSON

*Indianapolis Star*

Dec 23.

Backers Hope to Buy Additional Land in Spencer County.

A movement, state-wide in scope and in which persons of national renown have agreed to aid, to raise a fund for the erection of a national shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in Spencer county at the edge of Lincoln City, was announced yesterday by Governor Ed Jackson. A prominent in the state to be known as the Indiana Lincoln Union will be presided over by Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, was appointed by the Governor.

Although those with whom the movement originated have declined to estimate the amount to be secured, it is understood that the amount has been tentatively estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. No plans have been outlined as to the form the memorial may take, although it is known that those back of the movement hope to purchase approximately forty acres of land to add to the seventy acres where the grave is located and now owned by the state.

## WILL HAYS IS OFFICER.

Will H. Hays of New York city, whose home was originally in Sullivan, former postmaster general and now has been selected as president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., first vice president of the union. Other officers include Mrs. John W. Kern of Indianapolis, vice president; Thomas Taggart of French Lick, leader in Democratic circles of the state, treasurer, and Dean Stanley Coulter of Purdue university, secretary. The union will be headed by an executive committee of fifteen, which will include Richard Lieber, director of the state department of conservation, chairman; Frederic M. Ayres of Indianapolis, Mrs. A. D. Cook of Lawrenceburg, Mrs. James P. Goodrich of Winchester, Charles Greathouse of Indianapolis, Arthur Hall of Fort Wayne, J. Irving Holcomb of Indianapolis, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan of Gary, Marcus Sonntag of Evansville and Mrs. H. B. Wilson of Delphi.

The movement will be carried forward under the name of the Indiana Lincoln Union.

Mr. Lieber, as chairman of the executive committee, has authority to call a meeting. He announced last night that no definite time has been fixed for this purpose, although it is understood he plans to hold the meeting within a short time.

## TO DEFLECT HIGHWAY.

Plans for the shrine will also include the erection of a fitting marker, deflection of a state highway which now passes through the plot so as to touch the tract on one side, where the additional land will be purchased and the removal of the Southern Indiana railroad tracks which, it is understood also pass through.

The site of the grave first came under state supervision and control in about 1912, according to Mr. Lieber, and it has been improved and added to since that time. It was originally under the control of the state historical commission, but was placed under the supervision of the state department of conservation by a legislative act in 1925.

The site is visited annually by thousands of persons, according to Mr. Lieber, and the land immediately surrounding the grave has been landscaped into a fitting state park, with the gravestone as the center of the plan. Other improvements have been made to the site from year to year and driveways and other conveniences for the touring public have been added. The exact site of Abraham Lincoln's cabin, however, had never been included in the land tract which immediately surrounds the grave. The site of the cabin is now understood to be marked by a schoolhouse, removal of which is proposed.

## ASK NO GOVERNMENT AID.

Mr. Hays and others have discussed the matter personally with Governor Jackson and have offered their enthusiastic support to the movement. According to Mr. Lieber the plans do not contemplate seeking aid from the state or the Federal government.

Architecture, tablets and sculpturing will symbolize the formative period of Lincoln's boyhood which he spent in Indiana, those in charge declared yesterday.

It was pointed out that the Indiana public has done little or nothing in the way of contributing toward the actual preservation of those historic spots which stand out prominently in the life history of Lincoln, although he spent a very important part of his life inside the boundaries of this state.

Representatives from practically every city in the state have been named on the committee. The full membership includes:

George Ade, Brook.  
Robert J. Aley, Indianapolis.  
Frederic M. Ayres, Indianapolis.  
Frank C. Ball, Muncie.  
Henry A. Barnhart, Rochester.  
William R. Barr, Bluffton.  
Andrew H. Beardsley, Elkhart.  
Charles W. Beck, Peru.  
Albert J. Beveridge, Indianapolis.  
Tipton S. Blish, Seymour.  
Claude G. Bowers, New York.  
Mrs. Emmet P. Brench, Martinsville.  
Herbert Briggs, Terre Haute.  
Robert L. Brokenburr, Indianapolis.  
Mrs. W. E. Brown, Indianapolis.  
Dr. William Lowe Bryan, Bloomington.  
Benjamin J. Butts, Muncie.  
Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, South Bend.  
The Rt. Rev. Joseph Chatrand, Indianapolis.  
Herdis F. Clements, Mt. Vernon.  
Christopher B. Coleman, Indianapolis.  
Mrs. A. D. Cook, Lawrenceburg.  
Kent Cooper, New York.  
Dean Stanley Coulter, Indianapolis.  
A. B. Compton, Indianapolis.

Miss Drusilla Cravens, Madison.  
Emmett S. Croxton, Angola.  
Dr. H. T. Dau, Valparaiso.  
Lincoln Dixon, North Vernon.  
Luther Draper, Spiceland.  
Tom Downs, Boonville.  
The Rev. J. Ambrose Dunkel, Indianapolis.  
Mrs. Winfield T. Durbin, Anderson.  
Dr. David M. Edwards, Richmond.  
Dr. E. C. Elliot, West Lafayette.  
Carl Endicott, Huntington.  
Warren Fairbanks, Chicago, Ill.  
J. W. Fester, Indianapolis.  
D. K. Foster, Fort Wayne.  
William Dudley Foulke, Richmond.  
J. E. Fredrick, Kokomo.  
Mrs. Emma Gardner, Indianapolis.  
William Geake Sr., Fort Wayne.  
L. R. Gignilliat, Culver.  
Mrs. James Goodrich, Winchester.  
Charles A. Greathouse, Mt. Vernon.  
William Green, Washington, D. C.  
Arthur Hall, Fort Wayne.  
Will H. Hays, Sullivan.  
John A. Hilgenbrand, Batesville.  
L. M. Hines, Terre Haute.  
J. Irving Holcomb, Indianapolis.  
John A. Hook, Indianapolis.  
Dr. David Hopkins, Crawfordsville.  
Roy W. Howard, New York.

William L. Hutchinson, Indianapolis.  
Walter F. Huthstine, Tell City.  
John Ighehart, Evansville.  
Grafton Johnson, Greenwood.  
Mrs. John W. Kern, Indianapolis.  
Roscoe Kiper, Boonville.  
Ray Kitchman, Muncie.  
A. E. Kress, Terre Haute.  
H. R. Kurrie, Bensselaer.  
Mrs. Fred Lauenstein, Evansville.  
Rudolph G. Leeds, Richmond.  
Harry Leslie, Lafayette.  
John L. Lewis, Indianapolis.  
Richard Lieber, Indianapolis.  
J. K. Lilly, Indianapolis.  
Joseph G. Long, Logansport.  
Ray Long, New York.  
Thomas McCulloch, Anderson.  
J. Frank McDermond, Attica.  
Dr. J. P. McMichael, Gary.  
Paul V. McNitt, Bloomington.  
Henry W. Marshall, Lafayette.  
Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, Indianapolis.

Dr. W. A. Millis, Hanover.  
Carl R. Mitchell, Indianapolis.  
William J. Mooney, Indianapolis.  
M. J. Morgan, Bedford.  
Dr. L. H. Murkin, Greencastle.  
Charles Neizer, Fort Wayne.  
Meredith Nicholson, Indianapolis.  
William H. O'Brien, Lawrenceburg.  
Joseph Oliver H. South Bend.  
R. Earl Peters, Fort Wayne.  
P. L. Powell, Franklin.  
Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Indianapolis.  
Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston, Indianapolis.  
Leo M. Rappaport, Indianapolis.  
Clem J. Richards, Terre Haute.  
Dr. Jonathan Rigdon, Danville.  
Walter J. Riley, East Chicago.  
John G. Rimstead, Rockport.  
Mrs. Arthur R. Robinson, Indianapolis.

A. M. Rosenthal, Indianapolis.  
Mrs. Charles W. Ross, Crawfordsville.  
W. H. Settle, Indianapolis.  
John C. Shafer, Chicago.  
Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.  
Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, Franklin.  
Charles B. Sommers, Indianapolis.  
Marcus Sonntag, Evansville.  
James W. Spain, Evansville.  
Evan B. Stotsenburg, New Albany.  
Albert Stump, Indianapolis.  
Thomas Taggart, French Lick.  
Booth Tarkington, Indianapolis.  
A. Murray Turner, Hammond.  
Robert H. Tyndall, Indianapolis.  
E. Harold Van Oman, Evansville.  
Dennis Van Winkle, Lincoln City.  
Albert Veneen, Evansville.  
Clyde A. Wall, Lagrange.  
Olive W. Wallace, Gary.  
Dr. Matthew J. Walsh, South Bend.



## MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL TO NANCY HANKS

Lincoln City, Ind., May 7.—(P)—Mother's day, officially set for tomorrow, was commemorated today to one of the nation's greatest mothers—Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Gathered at the grave of the mother of the Emancipator, the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln union pledged itself to the task of building a national shrine in honor of the mother who, against all the hindrances of a rude pioneer life, molded the character of Abraham Lincoln.

An aviator, zooming low over the grave and cabin site, dropped this message:

To the Manes of Nancy Hanks Lincoln:

The men and women are here, beside your grave,

Among the guarding trees, to make their vow  
"Your name shall never die"; and to their praise,

We add our tribute from the sky.

We are the artificers of the past,  
Whose handicraft has gained the praise of men.

With stone and clay, with brush and pen,  
We wrought, to leave expressions of the truth  
we found.

But you—you dared to take a living child, a  
plastic infant mind,

To mold into a soul of love, an instrument  
divine.

Your genius used an art that ours was mean  
beside.

To you, then, Master Artist, we send our  
word of praise.

Through devious paths that masked the way,  
You led with kindly hand  
A child into the light of truth  
And made an honest man.

Addressing the spirit of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in the name of the mothers of Indiana, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, president of the union, laid a wreath upon the grave.

"Here, at your altar on this peaceful knoll, mother of Lincoln, we pause today to meditate upon the thought that from this humble environment your influence, through your immortal son, has radiated around the world—a challenge to motherhood," Mrs. Carlisle said.

## INDIANA SHRINE WILL HONOR SPOT WHERE LINCOLN ONCE LIVED

Indianapolis, Ind., June 9.—[Special]—Awakening to the realization that Abraham Lincoln was also a Hoosier because he spent the fourteen formative years of his life on Hoosier soil, the state of Indiana has laid plans to carry out the long neglected tribute to the martyred President.

More than 10 members of the Indiana Lincoln union, presided over by George Ade, indorsed tentative plans of their executive committee today to carry on a campaign to raise by popular subscriptions \$1,265,000 by March, 1928, to establish a national shrine at Lincoln City, in Spencer county, to commemorate the lives of Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

The shrine, which will typify the days when Lincoln was an Indiana youth, will include the spot where the Lincoln cabin stood and the grave where his mother is buried.

## Honor Lincoln's Mother

Anderson Herald.

After a long sleep, Indiana is at last waking up to the fact that Abraham Lincoln spent most of his formative years in Indiana; that his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, lived and died near Rockport, and that fitting ceremonies are in order after all these years to commemorate some of the underlying facts in history, things that helped to produce Lincoln's character.

It is high time that the old log cabin in Nancy Hanks park, near Lincoln City, be preserved, and that a national shrine be established there.

Lincoln's birth in Kentucky was an accident. He lived and formed his character in the rugged region of southern Indiana, then considered on the northern frontier of the civilization that came westward by way of Ohio.

Lincoln really was a Hoosier, but became an Illinoisan by adoption. He did his rail splitting in Indiana chiefly. When he got into the wilderness of Illinois he was able to practice law on the gumption he had learned in southern Indiana, a region that has produced the literati of the nation as well as a goodly per cent of its political leaders.

The plans being formulated by the Spencer County Historical Society to establish a Nancy Hanks memorial near Rockport need support. A public service will be conducted at Lincoln City, May 29. The proposal to raise \$1,000,000 for the undertaking at least shows the confidence and loyalty which that district has in one of the greatest mothers the world has produced. The money can be raised.

# Indiana Will Pay Visible Tribute to Abraham Lincoln

*Vernon Sun*

Indiana has been almost fifty years coming to a realization of its opportunity and responsibility in remembering in an adequate and visible fashion the fact that the sixteenth president of the United States lived within her borders for a period of fourteen years and that his mother, to whom, according to his own statement, "he owed all he was," there lies buried.

As long ago as 1874 there was agitation that something should be done about the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. This, however, was among individuals and had no state significance.

In 1879 P. E. Studebaker of South Bend provided the funds for a simple marble marker to go above the grave. Later in the same year four Ohio citizens of whom John Shillito was chief, deeded the one-half acre surrounding the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln to the Commissioners of Spencer County "in trust for the people of the United States."

Almost twenty years elapsed before anything further was done. A protest to Governor Mount in 1897, called attention to the neglect which had been permitted to the property, thus deeded to the people of the United States. Governor Mount called a meeting and interested the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic organizations and a campaign was proposed, but for lack of adequate organization, failed to collect any appreciable sum.

There was, however, and organization known as the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Association, formed as the result and in 1900 the Commissioner of Spencer county for the sum of eight hundred dollars purchased the sixteen acres around the grave and conveyed the property by deed to the

Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Association. In 1906 there was a renewal of interest because of an effort to move the body of Mrs. Lincoln. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Governor that the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Association had not functioned properly it was dissolved in 1907 and the legislature by special act, created the Board of Commissioners of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Burial Grounds.

In 1917 the Legislature again appropriated twelve hundred dollars to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Burial Grounds Commission for improvement of the property.

In 1923, the General Assembly created the Lincoln Memorial Commission "to prepare and execute plans for erecting a suitable memorial to the memory of Abraham Lincoln at or near the place of his residence in the state."

In 1925 the Legislature again intervened and by an act, conferred all the rights, powers, and duties that had been conferred upon the Board of Commissioners of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Burial Grounds to the Department of Conservation. This act permits properly constituted patriotic organizations to provide monuments or tablets in the Nancy Hanks Burial Grounds under such conditions as the Department may prescribe.

It is under this authority that the present movement in which Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, Will Hays and Senator Thomas Taggart are active leaders and which has for its objective the raising of \$1,265,000 was launched. This sum will not only provide necessary grounds, necessary landscaping, and the moving of a railroad, but will also cause the erection of a memorial which will challenge attention when compared with the largest and finest in America.



## Jackson Says Shrine Would Pay Off Indiana's Debt to Lincoln's Memory

Governor Ed Jackson's statement calling upon the citizens of Indiana, through the Indiana Lincoln Union, to enshrine the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, said:

*We will proceed to pay off a debt of long standing which the people of our state owe to the memory of the greatest American whose life in the formative stage of youth was spent in Indiana—Abraham Lincoln.*

*Born on Feb. 12, 1809, near Hodgenville, Ky., his parents brought him to what is now Spencer county in 1816. From his seventh to his twenty-first year he lived in a lowly log cabin built on the farm which his father, Thomas Lincoln, had bought. Out of this cabin were carried the remains of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.*

*It was not granted to her to witness the triumph of her great son, though she was spared the anguish of a stabat mater. She bore him and watched over his childish ways until that day when she called him and his little sister to her bedside for a last parting. Her grave in Indiana is the greatest monument to Abraham Lincoln himself.*

*Born in Kentucky, called by the nation out of Illinois, fighting for the honor of his country in Washington, and dying there in sublime victory, yet the plastic, determinative period of his life was spent in Indiana. If our country has forgotten that part, whose fault could it be but ours?*

*Kentucky has enshrined his birthplace. Illinois guards the national martyr's ashes. The District of Columbia has erected an imposing temple to his undying memory. The state of Indiana has all but forgotten her obligation as well as her opportunity.*

*An ordinary marker near Lincoln City in Spencer county betokens the site of the vanished log cabin, while across a dusty country road a wooded tract harbors the last sleeping place of the great Emancipator's first friend, counsellor and supporter—his mother. It is all pitifully mean and ignoble, this neglect.*

*But a new spirit of appreciation of our duty has asserted itself and will make amends for past remissness.*

*I propose that the people of our state, in mighty unison, rear a national shrine which in a manner befitting the sacredness of his memory, express both our deathless devotion as well as our infinite gratitude to the soul of the great departed and his mother.*

*To that end I have appointed this day a committee of fellow citizens which shall be known as the Indiana Lincoln Union.*

## DISCUSS HANKS MEMORIAL PLANS

### Indiana Lincoln Union Members Aim at Large Undertaking.

Tentative plans for a memorial in honor of Nancy Hanks Lincoln as a typical American mother, were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union, in the office of Governor Jackson. Efforts will be made to complete the memorial on a large scale, not only because it will perpetuate the ideals of pioneer American motherhood, but also because it will honor the name of the emancipator himself.

Governor Jackson was chosen honorary president of the executive committee and Feb. 12, was set for a meeting of the general committee of 125 persons, who either live in the state or are native Hoosiers.

The committee authorized Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee, to choose architects and engineers to survey the land owned by the state at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln near Lincoln City, in Spencer county. Mr. Lieber also was directed to have tentative plans for the memorial prepared.

Committee members agreed that about thirty acres of land north of the state's seventy acres, should be added so as to include the site of the original Lincoln cabin, and that state road No. 12 be rerouted to run through the property. The thirty-acre tract would be used for a shelter house, garage, parking space and general service area for visitors. The main memorial property would be closed to vehicular traffic.

#### PREPARE SKETCHES.

Tentative architects' sketches and surveys are to be submitted to the executive committee and then to the general committee, probably at a dinner Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday.

Selection of a permanent executive secretary also has been left to Mr. Lieber, but the appointment will not be made at present.

Will H. Hays, head of the motion picture industry, attended the conference and declared the movement is worthy of the support of all residents of Indiana and the nation.

"Anything done to recognize the patriotism and manhood which were Abraham Lincoln's, commands our sympathy and support and appeals to us all," Mr. Hays said.

Others at the meeting were Governor Jackson, Mrs. Anne Stulchaker Carlisle of South Bend, president of the movement; Mrs. John W. Kern of Indianapolis, vice president; Thomas Taggart of French Lick, treasurer, and Stanley Coulter, Indianapolis, secretary. Other members of the executive committee are Mr. Lieber, chairman; Frederic M. Ayres, Charles A. Greathouse and J. Irving Holcomb of Indianapolis; Mrs. A. D. Cook of Lawrenceburg; Mrs. James P. Goodrich of Winchester; Arthur Hall of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan of Gary; Marcus Sonntag of Evansville, and Mrs. H. B. Wilson of Delphi.

# Marcus Sonntag, Evansville, Selected to Lead Southern Indiana Lincoln Drive

Appointment of Marcus Sonntag of Evansville as chairman of the Indiana Lincoln Union campaign in southern Indiana was announced yesterday after a meeting of the executive committee in the offices of Richard Lieber, director of the state department of conservation, in the Statehouse. Mr. Lieber is chairman of the committee.

The selection of Mr. Sonntag was made by Frank C. Ball of Muncie, recently appointed chairman of the state campaign committee. The selection of a buildings and plans committee also was announced by Mr. Lieber. The members of this committee are Irving J. Holcomb, Indianapolis, chairman; Mrs. Ann Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, and J. K. Lilly, Hilton U. Brown and Carl H. Lieber, all of Indianapolis. The first meeting of county chairmen of the southern Indiana area in the campaign to raise \$1,265,000 for erection of a national shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in Spencer county, will be held at French Lick, Sept. 20, it was announced.

## ALL ASKED TO TAKE PART.

In making his selection of Mr. Sonntag to head the southern Indiana campaign Mr. Ball said:

"In order that the Indiana memorial to Abraham Lincoln may be a truly significant expression of appreciation from all the people of Indiana, the plan is to create a state-wide organization which will take this cause to every man, woman and child in the state and give each person an opportunity to have a part in this memorial.

"In order to accomplish this, we propose to divide the state into three



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areas; each area will be divided into six districts of from four to six counties each, and chairmen will be appointed for each area, district, county and town.

"With the appointment of Mr. Sonntag the organization of the southern area, along these lines, will begin at once." *Star Sept 8-1927*

# LAUNCH LINCOLN MEMORIAL DRIVE

*Star Sept. 20-1927*  
District Chairmen Meet at French Lick—Plans Set Forth.

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Sept. 20.—Indiana's campaign for the Lincoln union memorial at Lincoln City was launched here today at a meeting of district and county chairmen of the southern area at the French Lick Springs hotel. The meeting was held in the assembly hall, following a luncheon.

The campaign for funds contemplates the raising of \$1,265,000. The sum of \$225,000 will be collected from the southern area and the remainder in the central and northern areas. The campaign in the southern area will be at its peak by Oct. 1 and will be completed by Nov. 12, after which the campaign will be conducted in the central area for eight weeks and in the northern section for a similar period. Headquarters of the southern area is at Evansville, with Marcus Sonntag of Evansville, who presided at the meeting today, sectional chairman.

## TO BUY FARM SITE.

The plans contemplate development of the seventy acres already owned for the purpose of the Lincoln memorial and the purchase of the site of the Thomas Lincoln farm with the log cabin where the Lincolns lived for fourteen years. The plans also call for the landscaping of the grounds of the memorial in the plants and trees of the time of the Lincoln residence. Plans were outlined showing the landscaping of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial to be erected over the site where the emancipator's mother is buried.

The main unit of the memorial has been planned by Thomas Hibben of Indianapolis and will be simple and strong in design, symbolizing much that may be said of Lincoln. The design, explained by Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, will be a memorial 200 feet in each direction, comprising a series of four open courts of simple masonry that will surround the main building, from which will rise a shaft approximately one hundred and fifty feet high. In each of the quadrangles will be a pool with flowers and ivy on the walls. On the vaulted ceiling of the cloisters will be mural paintings. In the central building the walls will be frescoed.

## OTHER SPEAKERS.

Besides Mrs. Carlisle, speakers at the meeting were Dr. Louis A. Warren of Zionsville, student of Lincoln history, who spoke of "Lincoln, the Hoosier"; Oswald Ryan of Anderson, who spoke of the world influence of Lincoln; Richard Lieber, director of the Indiana department of conservation, and Norman A. Buck of Indianapolis, of the organization actively directing the campaign, who explained in detail how the campaign was to be conducted.

Frank C. Ball of Muncie is state campaign chairman. He was unable to be present today. Assisting Mr. Sonntag in the southern area will be the following district chairmen: Frank Hatfield, Evansville; Ewing Emison, Vincennes; Benjamin Huffman, Rockport; Dr. William Lowe Bryan, Bloomington; M. C. Thornton, New Albany and Joseph Cravens, Madison.



# FRANK C. BALL WILL DIRECT LINCOLN MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

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## Muncie Man Is Named State Chairman in Drive for \$1,265,000 to Build Shrine in Spencer County to Mother of Civil War President.

With the selection of Frank C. Ball of Muncie as state campaign chairman of the Indiana Lincoln Union, plans have been completed, it was announced yesterday, for launching the drive to raise \$1,265,000 in the state for the erection of a memorial and shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln at Lincoln City, Spencer county. The campaign will open in southern Indiana.

In a statement to Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, president of the union, Mr. Ball announced his acceptance and said:

"Abraham Lincoln was a Hoosier. The world knows and admires in Lincoln the immortal virtues he learned during the formative year he spent in Indiana. The cause to establish an appropriate memorial at his Hoosier home site in Spencer county, where he lived for fourteen years between the ages of 7 and 21, therefore, is worthy of the ardent support of all Indiana citizens.

### OPEN NEGLECTED CHAPTER.

"It is in the belief that this movement affords an unparalleled opportunity to bring the long neglected Indiana chapter of Lincoln's life story into every home of Hoosierland, that I have accepted the honor and privilege of serving as state chairman of the campaign that is to educate the men, women and children of this state to recognize the part Indiana played in the development of Lincoln's sterling character and grant everyone an opportunity to express their gratitude for that life by taking part in the building of a significant shrine.

"The gentle pioneer mother, Nancy Hanks, who watched over Abraham's tender years, lies buried near the Hoosier cabin site and her grave shall become a part of the shrine where the world may come to pay homage.

"Thousands of tourists already make pilgrimages to the spot each year and I foresee the day when Lincoln City, Ind., will be the principal mecca of Lincoln pilgrims in the country and when that day comes Indiana will be proud that she awakened to her privilege of adequately meeting her obligation of gratitude and appreciation to the mother and son whose influence for



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good in our lives is growing with the passing years."

### ORGANIZATION WORK, NEXT.

Organization of area, district, county and town committees to carry the message of Lincoln's Indiana days into every home will begin at once, the committee announced. Preparations to publish an authoritative and accurate account of the Indiana chapter of Lincoln's life are going forward and it is planned to give the pamphlet wide distribution.

Mr. Ball, through his many public-spirited activities, is one of the most widely known business men of the state. In commenting on the selection, Thomas Taggart, treasurer of the Lincoln Union, said:

"I know of no other man in the state whose patriotic zeal and business ability inspires loyalty more than Mr. Ball. The union has been particularly fortunate in its selection of leadership in this great cause."

In choosing Mr. Ball, the committee announced that it had selected a leader in whom was combined all the qualities to inspire the confidence of the people in a cause that is worthy of their sincere support.

### LINCOLN MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN.

The sponsors of the Lincoln memorial campaign have been fortunate in securing as the director of this worthy movement a man of such high standing throughout Indiana as Frank C. Ball of Muncie. Ever ready to participate in laudable public enterprises, Mr. Ball has consented to serve as campaign chairman for a drive to raise \$1,265,000 for the erection of a memorial and shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln at Lincoln City, Spencer county. The organization to which has been intrusted the task of directing the campaign is known as the Indiana Lincoln Union.

The selection of a business man like Mr. Ball is sufficient to inspire public faith in the efficient management of the campaign, with full confidence that individual contributions will not be dissipated in needless overhead expenses. The enterprise is one that should receive a sympathetic response from every loyal Hoosier, as the state is recognizing more and more its obligation to preserve in fitting manner the spot which marks the final resting place of Lincoln's mother. Indiana is fortunate in sharing with Kentucky and Illinois the life of the civil war President, whose formative years were spent largely on Hoosier soil. In announcing his acceptance of the campaign leadership, Mr. Ball said:

It is in the belief that this movement affords an unparalleled opportunity to bring the long neglected Indiana chapter of Lincoln's life story into every home of Hoosierland that I have accepted the honor and privilege of serving as state chairman in a campaign that is to educate the men, women and children of the state to recognize the part Indiana played in the development of Lincoln's sterling character, and grant every one an opportunity to express gratitude for that life by taking part in the building of a significant shrine.

Thousands of tourists have already visited the grave at Lincoln City and the number will steadily increase as Indiana takes steps to provide more fittingly for the care of that sacred spot. For years the place was almost completely neglected, but the plans of the present organization will atone for the indifference of the past. In time Lincoln City should compare with Springfield, Ill., as a national mecca for Lincoln pilgrims. Hoosiers should welcome the opportunity to participate in the erection of the memorial, accounting it a privilege to contribute in some measure to the fund which will make the shrine possible.



From the Dale Reporter.

Property owners at Lincoln City on the site of the proposed enlarged park have received during the past two weeks offers from the State Lincoln Commission organization for their holdings. The offers were unsatisfactory to the former; we are informed.

#### THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

One hundred or more team workers start out today to raise Delaware County's quota of the fund that is to be used in erecting a memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. The quota for Delaware County is around \$26,000 and it should be raised without much difficulty for Delaware County people never have been asked to contribute to a more worthy cause.

Why has Indiana been so backward in honoring Abraham Lincoln? It is a question that no one can answer and makes every patriotic Hoosier hang his head. Kentucky has consecrated his birthplace, Illinois has built his tomb, the national capitol has raised a monument, foreign countries, where Lincoln never set foot, have erected beautiful bronzes, but his Indiana home remains defied by pig stys and small shacks.

When the people of Indiana have made the whole-hearted and generous contribution to the appeal of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial, of which Frank C. Ball of this city is the state chairman, the unsightly conditions around the Lincoln cabin site will be removed and once more the ashes of that famous fireplace of the humble Lincoln homestead will glow with reverential light. Thirty acres of the original eighty acres in the homestead will be restored to primeval forest, and on the spot now marked by Spencer County's small stone, the cabin home will be symbolized. A short distance from the cabin home and near the already respected grave of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, it is proposed Indiana's great memorial structure shall be erected.

But as long as swine root in the mud where the flower gardens of Nancy Hanks once blossomed; and as long as tumbling shacks defile the scenery that rugged nature once commanded, the respect that Indiana owes to the spot where America's strongest character and greatest President was moulded will be lacking.

School children and patriots throughout the state who have come to realize the long neglect of Indiana in paying tribute to Lincoln, the Hoosier, have been contributing the coppers and substantial sums to the memorial project, but still many dollars are needed before a commendable work will have been done, and Delaware County must do its share. *Muncie Star*

## Frank C. Ball Contributes \$25,000 for Shrine at Grave of Lincoln's Mother

Pointing to the many monuments and shrines memorializing Abraham Lincoln throughout the nation and emphasizing that until this time Indiana has failed properly to show its appreciation of the fact that Lincoln was a Hoosier, Frank C. Ball of Muncie, state chairman of the memorial campaign of the Indiana Lincoln Union, yesterday announced a gift of \$25,000 from him to the fund for a national shrine at the grave of Lincoln's mother in Spencer county.

"Kentucky has enshrined the humble cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born; Illinois has erected a great shaft over his ashes; the nation has memorialized his greatness in a noble temple at Washington where he served and died, and grateful peoples of nations, states and cities everywhere save Indiana have honored themselves in honoring him," Mr. Ball said. "And yet, there is only one place in all the world where the mother who gave him birth and watched over his tender years lies buried and there at that spot the boy Lincoln grew to manhood. That place is in Indiana and this state through all the years that have intervened since that immortal character in American and world history left his Hoosier home, has failed to mark, in any significant way, that sacred ground.

#### AWAKENED TO PRIVILEGES.

"But the great people of Indiana have awakened to their privilege and obligation in this regard. They are ready to claim Lincoln as a Hoosier. They are proud of the fact that the early pioneer environment of Indiana played so important a part in the development of Lincoln's character and they are ready to claim Lincoln as the true representative of the pioneer society of this state.

"We are heartily in favor of a suitable memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his revered mother at her grave at the site where he lived and developed those qualities that made him our immortal leader. Certainly we are in favor of such a shrine as will reflect the simplicity, dignity and nobility of Lincoln's character—something that will be artistic, beautiful



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and impressive, and that will endure for generations. And to that end I am pleased to contribute \$25,000."

In accepting the gift of Mr. Ball, members of the executive committee said:

"With your very generous offer the campaign will go forward to a glorious victory and Indiana will no longer be ashamed of its neglect in this regard. Certainly there has been a reawakened appreciation of Lincoln principles in this state and a successful issue of the campaign will not only be an outstanding deed in itself but also will contribute largely to the welfare of our state's future."



## LESLIE IS CHOSEN FOR LINCOLN DRIVE

### Lafayette Man Will Head Central State Area in Campaign.

The selection of Harry Leslie of Lafayette as chairman for the central Indiana area in the Lincoln memorial campaign was announced last night by Frank C. Ball of Muncie, the state chairman.

A subcommittee comprising A. M. Glossbrenner, Indianapolis campaign chairman; Henry C. Atkins, Nicholas H. Noyes, Roy E. Adams and Edgar H. Evans, authorized by the large Indianapolis citizens' committee to make recommendations to Mr. Ball for the chairman, have indorsed Mr. Leslie.

#### Should Stir Emotions.

In a conference with the memorial leaders yesterday, Mr. Leslie said, "I challenge any citizen of Indiana to give cause why he should not serve and give, to the best of his ability, in this significant movement. The people of this state give generously of their resources to the many institutions that care for the physical needs of our unfortunates. This they should do, but seldom has a call come that has the spiritual awakening that this cause inspires.

"To realize that this project has as its purpose the stimulating of a new appreciation of Lincoln's character, the perpetuation of our pride in that Indiana pioneer environment that played its part in his development, and the honoring of that gentle pioneer mother, stirs those emotions that lead us to better things."

#### Will Make Tour.

Mr. Leslie will begin a tour of the central part of the state at once, and will hold a series of conferences with civic leaders in all cities included in his territory, comprising thirty counties across the central part of the state, for the purpose of selecting district chairmen to carry out local organization plans.

Mr. Leslie has announced that he will make every effort to carry out Mr. Ball's hope that every home in Indiana will receive the story of Lincoln's life in this state and permit every man, woman and child to have a part in the establishment of this national shrine at the Lincoln cabin site and the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in Spencer county.

# Lincoln Memorial to Honor President and His Mother

## Carillon Tower Will Rise 150 Feet Surrounded by Four Quadrangular Courts

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Special Correspondence) — Indiana's belated honor to Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the son who spent 14 of the formative years of his life in the southern part of the State will take the form of a cloistered monument to be built at Lincoln City, Ind., under the plans proposed by the architect, Thomas Hibben of Indianapolis. A carillon tower rising 150 feet and four quadrangular courts about the main building are features of the memorial. Surrounding it will be a park which will include the site of the Lincoln cabin and the resting place of his mother, now marked by a small monument, near Lincoln City, in Spencer County.

To make possible a fitting memorial at the place where the Lincoln family lived from 1816 to 1830 the Indiana Lincoln Union is beginning a campaign for a fund of \$1,265,000.

The simplicity of Lincoln's character is stressed by the architect in his statement of the aims he has sought to attain in the monument. "That which we have sought to build," Mr. Hibben said, "is a symbol of that great power and gentleness that is Abraham Lincoln. We have, therefore, conceived this memorial as such a monument as may be made in the simple truth of structure and grandeur of scale as was the character of Lincoln."

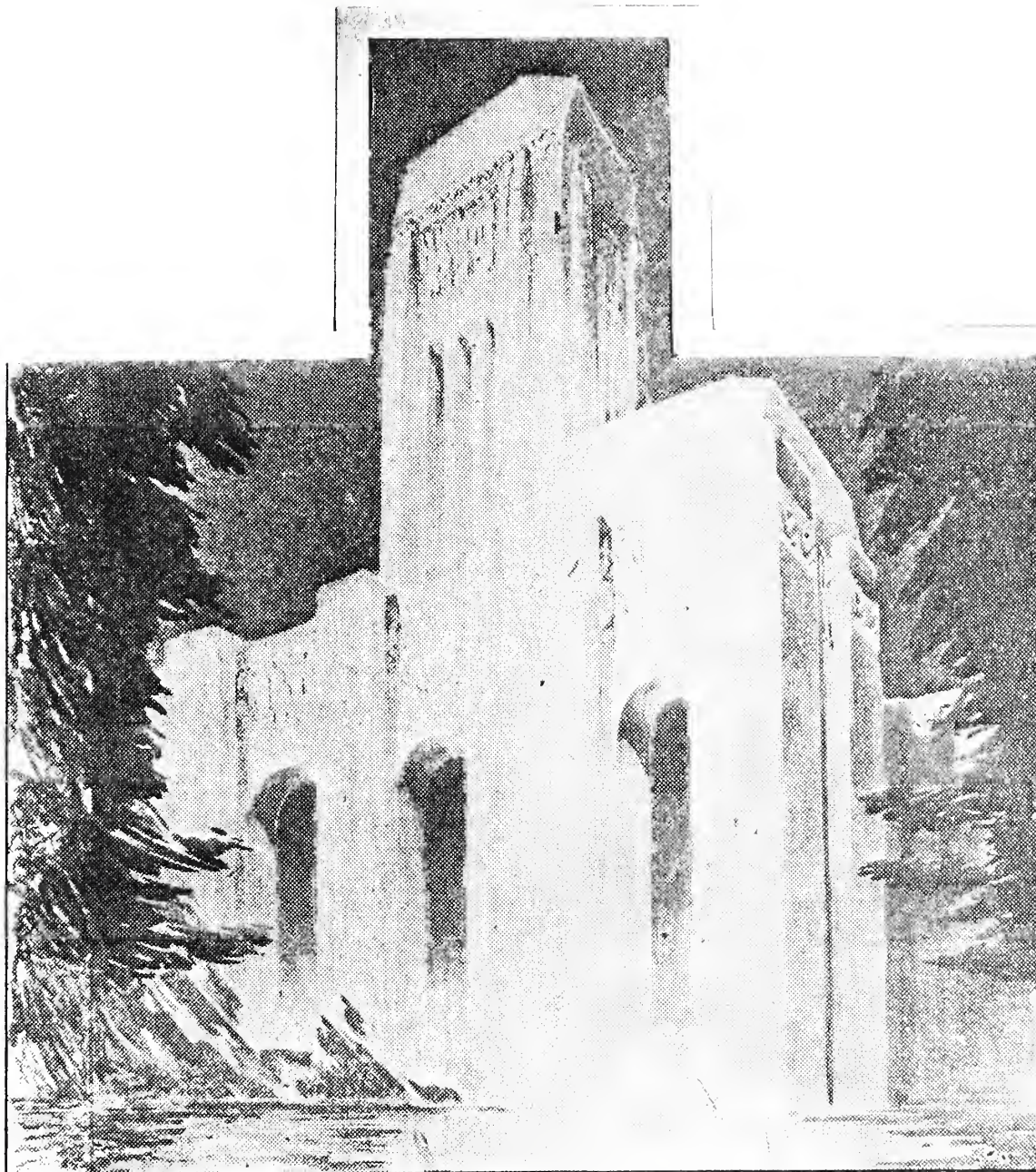
The building takes the form of a series of four quadrangular courts which surround the main structure, from which rises a carillon tower. These courts are bounded by open cloisters which connect through the axial pylons. Within each court is a pool with flowers and ivy on the walls. Above the arches of the cloister there runs a band of low relief sculpture, which takes its definition out of the natural structure of the wall itself and in which is portrayed the birth and development of a race.

The vaulted ceilings and the walls of the cloisters are treated with frescoes. Through the arches of these cloisters are countless vistas of the other courts, of the pools and of the tower which rises about 150 feet above them.

The tower is pierced with long vertical openings and within hang the chimes. Under the chimes is placed an organ for those occasions of celebrating in music the memory which we hear symbolized. On each side of the tower is an inclosed hall with high clear windows lighting it from both sides and on the walls and ceiling are mural paintings in character with the building. There is provision for rest rooms and a small restaurant. The whole group is about 200 feet in each direction and of sufficient size to care for about 2000 people within the sheltered portions and an additional 2000 in the courts.

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Proposed Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City, Ind., Honoring Nancy Hanks and Abraham Lincoln.



# HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NAMED BY INDIANA LINCOLN UNION

*Ind. Star, Oct 20 1927*

## Members Will Co-Operate in Gathering and Disseminating Data Pertaining to Boyhood Days of Emancipator in Hoosier State.

Appointment of a historical research and reference committee, composed of leading Indiana historical workers, to co-operate with the Indiana Lincoln Union in the gathering and disseminating of historical data pertaining to the Indiana boyhood days of Abraham Lincoln, was announced yesterday by Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee of the union.

"The Indiana Lincoln Union, aside from its purpose to sponsor the movement to establish a physical testimonial of Indiana's appreciation of the life of Abraham Lincoln and pay decent tribute to his mother at her grave in Spencer county, has a very definite obligation to perform in interpreting the Indiana influences that contributed to the development of Lincoln's character during the fourteen formative years that he spent in her frontier environment," Mr. Lieber said.

In naming the members of the historical committee, Mr. Lieber said that it had been the intention to include men and women who would represent historical groups in the state that have devoted years of sympathetic study to the work.

### LAUDS SOCIETY'S WORK.

Mrs. Bess V. Ehrmann of Rockport, president of the Southwestern Historical Society, an organization founded by John E. Iglehart of Evansville, about eight years ago, having as one of its purposes, the interpreting of the pioneer influences on the life of Lincoln, was named chairman. Referring to the work that has been done by the Southwestern Historical Society, Miss Ida Tarbell, the noted Lincoln historian, recently said that research work of the society was enabling the Lincoln historians to chart Abraham Lincoln in historical literature for the first time. "Up to this time," she said, "there seems to have been an unwillingness to concede that anything elevating touched him. The whole emphasis has been on the sordid and vulgar, which, as nearly as I can make out, is incident to life everywhere. There was abundance of character and high notions of life in the atmosphere of southwestern Indiana when young Lincoln lived there, and you can not make me believe that he did not respond to what was in the air."

Dr. C. B. Coleman, director of the Indiana historical bureau, was named secretary of the committee. He has been instrumental in encouraging and publishing new historical literature concerning the early pioneer days of this state. Through his efforts, much of the data relating to the frontier environment that surrounded young Lincoln is available to the historians for the first time.

In accepting membership on the committee, Mr. Iglehart, who has been one of the leading figures in the Lincoln historical work in southwestern Indiana, said "Abraham Lincoln typifies the American spirit—traits that have come to be recognized as the most characteristic—which was developed in the new commonwealths that sprang into life beyond the seaboard. In these new Western lands, Americans achieved a boldness, a conception of the country's destiny and democracy. The ideal of the West was their emphasis upon the worth and possibilities of the common man, their belief in the right of every man to rise to the full measure of his own nature under conditions of social

"Abraham Lincoln was the first true product of the mid-Western frontier, and should be recognized as an Indianian molded by Indiana influence in the formative period of his life.

"Any national memorial to Abraham

Lincoln must take into account the conditions of pioneer folk of the region which gave him birth, and attempt to understand that Indiana society in which he lived, and recognize the significance of the transitional zone of the Ohio valley in American history. The influences of his community did much to shape his life and the development of the raw frontiersman into the statesman was not unlike the development of his own state. No one can understand the presidency of Abraham Lincoln without proper appreciation of the deep influences of the Ohio valley, its ideals and its prejudices, upon America's original contribution to the great men of the world. Lincoln was the very flower of frontier training and ideals. He represents the pioneers of the period.

"The Ohio valley pioneers forming a transitional zone between the settlers coming from New England and the Middle states, on the one hand, and the slave-holding Southern settlers on the other, had an important and continuous influence upon Lincoln's policy. He came from that social environment; there, he could understand North and South, East and West—the nation. His policy with reference both to Union and emancipation was shaped with full recognition of the importance of proceeding in touch with this mediating section.

"Lincoln represented what was best in frontier qualities and in the region that gave him birth and shaped his early life. He was the leader who expressed them and made them understood by the rest of the nation. But he was also himself. Like all real leaders, he was guide as well as exponent. Through his personality, not only his own region, but the nation, found new trails. Whatever may be the changes in this age of industrialism, the historian of our past must recognize that Lincoln guided the frontier democracy of his time into the open road of nationalism and freedom, building his policy on the broad foundation of democratic hope and unity—the heritage from the frontier life—into a durable nation of many sections, with optimistic faith in the future development of man and society.

### FEELS TIME IS RIFE.

"The Southwestern Indiana Historical Society for which I particularly speak, feels, I am sure, that now is the time and the Lincoln Union, under its able and efficient leadership, is the organization which, with the support of the people and their various organizations, can successfully raise the money and complete the work of a fitting memorial to both Nancy Hanks and her great son.

"It is said of Cornelia that Rome owed more to the mother of the Gracchi than to all of her grammarians. So the obligation of Indiana today to the mother of Abraham Lincoln is supreme and should now be fittingly recognized."

Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville; Mrs. Deirdre Duff Johnson, Mt. Vernon; D. Frank Culbertson, Vincennes; Roscoe Kiper, Boonville; Thomas James de la Hunt, Cannelton; George R. Wilson, Indianapolis; Charles N. Thompson, Indianapolis; Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Indianapolis; Linnaeus N. Hines, Terre Haute; Harry W. Glossbrenner, Indianapolis; James A. Woodburn, Bloomington; William Fortune, Indianapolis; Lew O'Bannon, Corydon; Dr. Logan Esarey, Bloomington; Dr. Louis A. Warren, Zionsville; Thomas J. Wilson, Corydon; George H. Honig, Evansville; Arthur W. Brady, Anderson.



# THE IDEAL LINCOLN MEMORIAL

(Editorial appearing in the New York Evening World Nov. 15, 1927.)

"The lovers of Lincoln throughout the nation should rejoice in the completion and the character of the plans of the Hoosiers to properly mark the spot in Indiana where he passed the entire formative period of his existence. He was scarcely more than a baby when he reached his Indiana home in the wilderness; he was mature, and more than twenty, when he left. Every outstanding trait of the man had been developed and was marked in Indiana before he went to Illinois. Through a disgraceful neglect on the part of the Hoosiers, the prominence of the part played by the Indiana environment in the moulding of the martyr is scarcely known. At length there has been an intelligent awakening.

The ground on which stood the house before the fireplace of which the boy Lincoln was wont to stretch himself on his stomach to read by the light of the burning logs has been purchased. The lonely and neglected grave of Nancy Hanks is nearby. And there, where the boy grew to manhood, is to be constructed one of the most, if not the most, artistic and interpretative memorials raised to his memory. The architect, Thomas Hibben, who has done some brilliant work, has sought in the memorial building to give expression to the simplicity of the man, his democracy, his distinctive Americanism; and thus, the Greek temple idea has been rejected. There is something of the originality of Lincoln himself in the conception, with everything of his strength, his simplicity, his splendor of soul and beauty of character. It is a fine thing to have a Lincoln memorial that the plain people, whom Lincoln symbolized and loved, can feel and understand; a fine thing that an Indiana architect has planned it; an appropriate thing that it should be built on the site of his boyhood home; and a commendable thing that the Hoosiers have at length awakened to a realization of both their opportunity and their obligation."

# *Indiana Telephone News*



CARILLON TOWER OF THE SHRINE TO BE ERECTED AT LINCOLN'S INDIANA HOME





*Reproduction of a photograph of Lincoln taken July 4,  
1856, when he was forty-seven years of age*

**A**BRAMHAM LINCOLN, the sixteenth President of the United States, came to Indiana when he was between seven and eight years of age. The Lincoln farm lies in what is now Spencer County, about seventeen miles north of the Ohio River. With his parents, Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and his sister Sarah, Abraham Lincoln became a citizen of the state in 1816. Indiana remained his home until 1830. The fourteen years covering the most impressionable period of a man's life were spent in Indiana. Lincoln was a *Hoosier*. This is steadily gaining in recognition.

These facts, Indiana is, itself, just beginning to realize. To this state belongs the privilege of caring for the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of a man to whom the entire world pays homage.

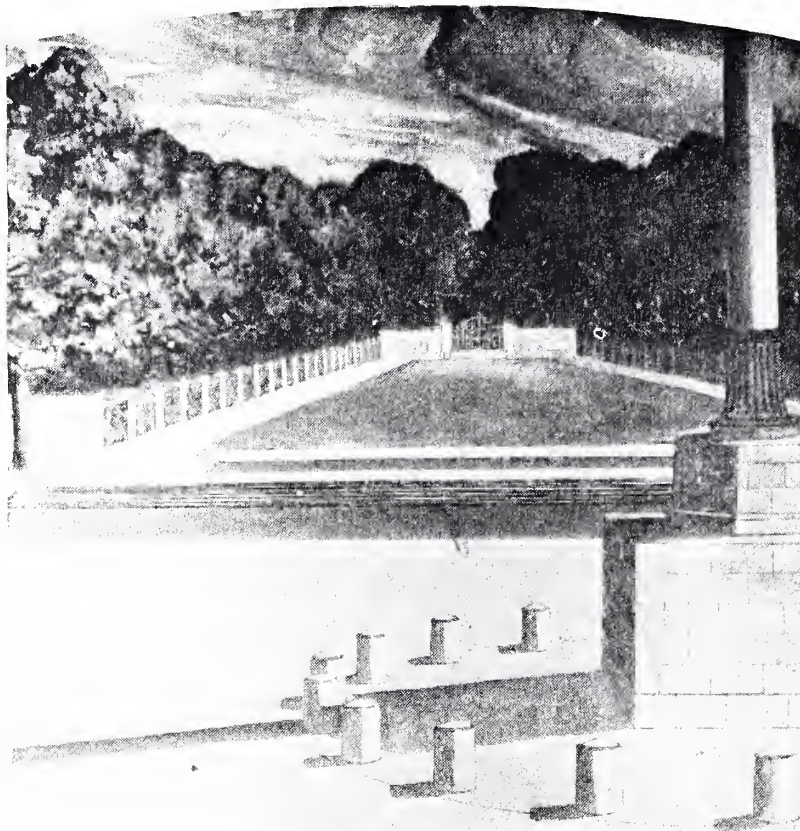
The Indiana Lincoln Union has been formed to pay proper tribute to the great national martyr and his mother of whom Lincoln said many years after her death, "God bless my mother; all that I am and ever hope to be I owe to her."

It seems, indeed, fitting that plans for a national shrine have been announced — a memorial worthy of one of the greatest Americans and his mother who lies sleeping beneath the soil of southern Indiana.

With more sincerity than at any previous time, and with proud, uplifted heads, citizens of Indiana will be able to say this February 12, "We have not forgotten Abe."

# Indiana To Honor Abraham Lincoln and His Mother

*Imposing Memorial To  
Be Built On Site of  
Nancy Hanks Lincoln's  
Grave — Martyred  
President Lived In  
Hoosier State During  
Fourteen Years of His  
Youth*



*View to be provided by landscape artists for Indiana's Lincoln Memorial. The view is from the Central Plaza.*

INDIANA, claiming her own, will erect a national shrine to Abraham Lincoln and his mother in southern Indiana where the martyred president spent fourteen years of his youth, and where Nancy Hanks Lincoln, she who shaped his mind and body, lies sleeping the last long sleep.

The Indiana Lincoln Union in a booklet published by that organization says: "Character made Lincoln great. His character received its definite bend and form from the influences that surrounded him in the State of Indiana. . . . The world knows and admires in Lincoln the virtues he learned in the lap of southern Indiana."

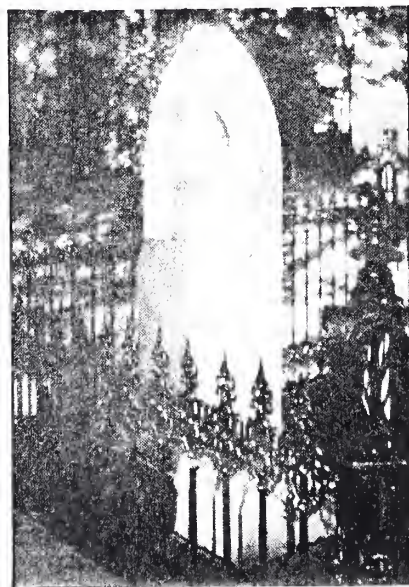
And again, about his mother: "Few mothers who have made history have been so badly treated by that history as the mother of Abraham Lincoln. . . . Enshrined in the simple glowing tribute of her son, 'All that I

am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother,' there is a tribute which authors and writers have embroidered into books. But what she did to glorify all motherhood and what it means to give a man-child to the world that the world may be a better place in which to live, still is without recognition as the world has come to term 'recognition.'"

Lincoln came to Indiana with his parents and sister when he was between seven and eight years old and settled in what is now Spencer County, about seventeen miles north of the Ohio River. Lincoln City now covers practically the entire tract of land for which Thomas Lincoln got a government patent some ten years after he had settled.

What a picture Carl Sandburg draws in his recent book, *Abraham Lincoln*, of the family moving into its Indiana home.

"Tom Lincoln, his wife,



*Headstone of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's grave. "Erected by a friend of Her Martyred Son, 1879."*



boy and girl had arrived on a claim at Little Pigeon Creek, without a horse or a cow, without a house, with a little piece of land under their feet and the wintry sky high over. Naked they had come into the world; almost naked they came to Little Pigeon Creek, Indiana.

"The whole family pitched in and built a pole-shed or 'half-faced' camp. On a slope of ground stood two trees about fourteen feet apart, east and west. These formed the two strong corner-posts of a sort of cabin with three sides, the fourth side open, facing south.

The sides and the roof were covered with poles, branches, brush, dried grass, mud; chinks were stuffed where the wind or the rain was trying to come through. At the open side a log-fire was kept burning night and day. In the two far corners inside the camp were beds of dry leaves on the ground. To these beds the sleepers brought their blankets and bear skins. Here they lived a year. . .

"Tom chopped logs for a cabin forty yards away while Abe did the best he could helping Nancy and Sarah trim the branches off the logs, cut brush, clear ground for planting, hoe weeds, tend the log fire. . .

"In the new cabin Tom Lincoln was building, and on this little Pigeon Creek farm, the Lincoln family was going to live fourteen years."

And how poignantly does Sandburg describe the death of Lincoln's mother!

"So, on a bed of poles cleated to the corner of the cabin, the body of Nancy Hanks Lincoln lay, looking tired. . . tired. . . with a peace settling in the pinched corners of the sweet weary mouth, silence slowly etching away the lines of pain and hunger drawn around the gray eyes where now the eyelids closed down in the fine pathos of unbroken rest, a sleep without interruption settling about the form of the stooped and wasted shoulder-bones, looking to the children who tiptoed in, stood still, cried their tears of want and longing, whispered 'Mammy, Mammy,' and heard only their own whispers answering, looking to these little ones of her brood as though new secrets had come to her in place of the old secrets given up with the breath of life.

"So the woman, Nancy Hanks dies, thirty-six

years old, a pioneer sacrifice, with memories of monotonous, endless, everyday chores, of mystic Bible verses read over and over for their promises, and with memories of blue wistful hills and a summer when the crabapple blossoms flamed white and she carried a boy-child into the world.

"She had looked out on fields of blue-blossoming flax and hummed 'Hey, Betty Martin, tip-toe, tip-toe'; she had sung of bright kingdoms by and by and seen the early frost leaf its crystals on the stalks of buttonwood and redbud; she had sung:

You may bury me in  
the east,

You may bury me in  
the west,

And we'll all rise  
together in that  
morning."

It is that woman who will receive belated recognition in the beautiful memorial that will rise on her lonely grave, now marked with a simple head stone. And Indiana has every right to claim her son, Abraham Lincoln, as a Hoosier. Abe grew up physically in Indiana:

"As he took on more length, they said he was shooting up into the air like green corn in the summer of a good corn-year. So he grew. When he reached seventeen years of age,

and they measured him, he was six feet, nearly four inches, high, from the bottoms of his moccasins to the top of his skull."

He also grew in other ways while living on Hoosier soil.

"At the Pigeon Creek settlement, while the structure of his bones, the build and hang of his torso and limbs, took shape, other elements, invisible, yet permanent, traced their lines in the tissues of his head and heart.

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"He lived with trees, with the bush wet with shining raindrops, with the burning bush of autumn, with the lone wild duck riding a north wind and crying down on a line north to south, the faces of open sky and weather, the ax which is an individual one-man instrument, these he had for companions, books, friends, talkers, chums of his endless changing soliloquies.

"He found his life thrown in ways where there was a certain chance for a certain growth. And so he grew. Silence found him; he met silence. In



Stone marker on the site of Lincoln's Cabin.

the making of him as he was, the element of silence was immense.

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"In the short and simple annals of the poor, it seems there are people who breathe with the earth and take into their lungs and blood some of the hard and dark strength of its mystery. During six and seven months each year in the twelve fiercest formative years of his life, Abraham Lincoln had the pads of his foot-soles bare against clay of the earth. It may be the earth told him in her own tough gypsy slang one or two knacks of living worth keeping. To be organic with running wildfire and quiet rain, both of the same moment, is to be the carrier of wave-lines the earth gives up only on hard usage."

Is it any wonder that Indiana feels as though Lincoln in a great measure belongs to her? The Indiana Lincoln Union has adopted preliminary plans for a memorial structure which is to be the central figure in a national shrine which will cost some \$1,265,000 to complete.

Thomas Hibben, architect, designed the building and his plans call for a structure 200 feet square in the form of a series of four quadrangular courts which are to surround a main carillon tower with a height of about 150 feet.

Frederick Law Olmsted, noted landscape artist of Boston, Mass., has submitted plans for landscaping the tract of about one hundred acres of land, seventy acres of which, surrounding the grave, already are owned by the state, and about thirty more which are to be purchased. These plans also provide for a wooded drive from the main state highway to the park, a huge flagpole in the park, a small body of water, and the necessary woodlands to complete the tract.

This will necessitate the removal of a portion of a railway, changing the route of a state highway and probable removal of a number of structures which are a part of the town of Lincoln City. In the development of this plan, points of historic interest contiguous to the shrine will be suitably marked and even trees, shrubs and wild flowers will be selected with a view to their historical and botanical correctness.

The Indiana Lincoln Union, composed of some 125 persons throughout the state, is pushing the great project and raising funds for the splendid work.

Officers are: Governor Ed Jackson, honorary president; Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, president; Will H. Hays, vice-president; Mrs. John W. Kern, vice-president; Thomas Taggart, treasurer; Stanley Coulter, secretary. The executive committee: Richard Lieber, chairman; Fred M. Ayres, C. A. Greathouse, J. Irving Holcourt, Marcus Sonntag, Arthur F. Hall, Mrs. J. P. Goodrich, Mrs. F. J. Sheehan, Mrs. H. B. Wilson, Mrs. A. D. Cook. Paul V. Brown is executive secretary. Frank C. Ball, of Muncie, is State campaign chairman and A. M. Glossbrenner is Indianapolis chairman.

"The time, the place, and the object seem to conspire together for success. To the time, the place, and the object, there has now come a tremendous popular will and incentive. The hour has struck when the objective is to be accomplished. Indiana, which has contributed so much to the total sum of Lincoln's greatness, is about to take its place with the other states which have shared that privilege and, like them, to do herself honor in honoring Abraham and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln."



Col. Richard Lieber, Indianapolis, Chairman of Executive Committee, Indiana Lincoln Union.

Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, South Bend, president of Indiana Lincoln Union.

Frank C. Ball, Muncie, State Campaign Chairman, Indiana Lincoln Union.



Carroll County

W. J. Julien  
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## GEORGE JULIEN LOCAL CHAIRMAN TO RAISE FUNDS

For Memorial to Perpetuate the  
Memory of Abraham Lincoln—  
Has Booklets for Distribution

George W. Julien, chairman of Carroll County in the movement to perpetuate the memory of Abraham Lincoln by a suitable memorial in this state, announces that he has received for distribution a number of copies of an attractive booklet entitled "Lincoln the Hoosier." This is a brief, historical treatise prepared under the direction of the Indiana Lincoln Union, and contains historical facts not heretofore generally available, nor set down in the same compact fashion.

The booklet was prepared after first hand investigation of a number of original sources of information in the state of Indiana. No facts are set forth but those which the Union is prepared to substantiate with documentary or other proof.

The booklet is also illustrated by a number of pictures, drawn by an Indiana artist, who visited all the scenes in person, and depicts as they are today, the scenes amid which Abraham Lincoln lived and worked during the years that he was a citizen of the state of Indiana.

According to the booklet Abraham Lincoln, with his mother and father moved into the state in the year 1816 just a few months before Indiana was admitted as a member of the Union. They lived in southern Indiana until 1830, just a few months before Abraham Lincoln legally became of age, when they moved into the state of Illinois.

Mr. Julien believes that these books are particularly valuable to school children and others who are studying the history of their state and those who wish to be well informed concerning the history of Abraham Lincoln. While these interesting books are intended to extend interest in the campaign, a limited number are available for general distribution particularly to the schools and others who may call on the chairman for copies.

## Dr. Warren Boosts Indiana Memorial to Abraham Lincoln and His Mother

"Lincoln is described as 'the most lied about man' in the current issue of one of the largest of the national magazines, but I think it would be equally true to call him the 'most advertised man,' for in February alone material that will reach considerably more than 10,000,000 circulation has appeared on the subject of Lincoln," says the Rev. Louis A. Warren of Zionsville, himself a national authority on the subject of Lincoln and at present engaged in gathering Indiana material for a second book on the first martyred President. Dr. Warren is also giving as much of his time as possible to the movement to raise \$1,265,000 in Indiana to mark appropriately the site where Lincoln lived for fourteen years in southern Indiana and where his mother lies buried.

In support of his contention of the advertised character of Lincoln, Dr. Warren points out that the recognized Lincolniana is now about fifteen hundred volumes and increasing almost monthly. The Library of Congress is authority for the statement that there are more titles in its index

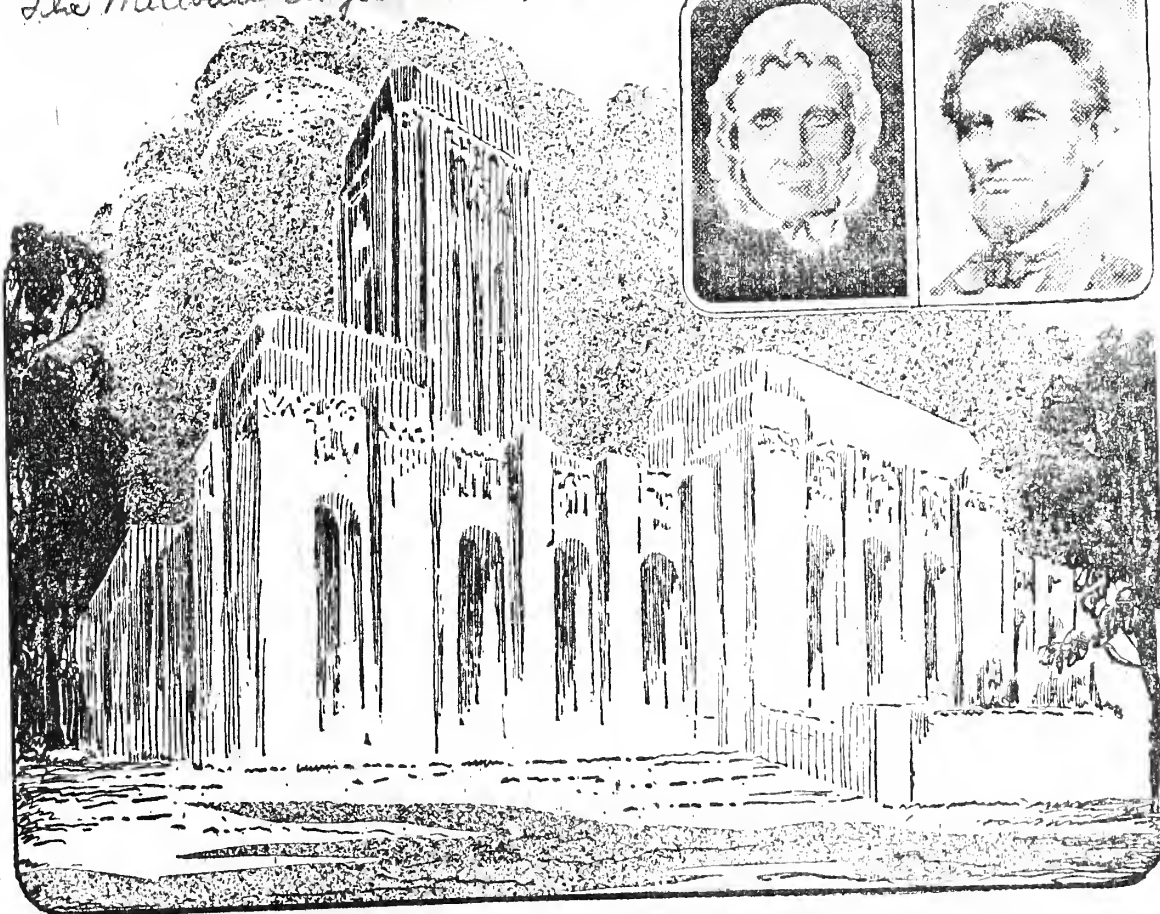
for Lincoln than for any other American statesman living or dead. George Washington is second, Theodore Roosevelt third and Woodrow Wilson fourth. The last two, however, are not more than twenty-five per cent as popular as Lincoln, measured in terms of volumes written about them.

Within the year considerable new Lincoln material has been unearthed and Dr. Warren believes that each year will show more for some time to come due to the great popular interest in the subject. "It is too bad," he says, "that citizens of Indiana have been so slow to realize the priceless heritage they have had in Lincoln history and tradition. Indiana has had many great men, but none in the class with Lincoln, and the state may as fairly claim him as Illinois. I believe that the movement to erect a splendid memorial to his mother and to him, at the old home site in Spencer county, is doing more to make Indiana Lincoln conscious than all other activities of the sort put together, although there have been well meant but successful efforts for almost fifty years."

Shelby County News



*The Milwaukee Journal 2/12/28*



## *Indiana Shrine to Lincoln and Mother*

The old Tom Lincoln farm, over in Spencer county, Indiana, is about to undergo some extensive improvements. A prominent architect and a landscape artist have been there to look over the place and surveyors have been busy squinting through their transits. When estimates are mentioned they often run into six or seven figures.

Of course it was Abraham Lincoln, son of Tom and Nancy Hanks, who furnished the motive for all this activity. Abraham spent 14 years of his boyhood in Spencer county, left when he was 21, finally turned up in the White House and has been hailed ever since as perhaps the greatest of United States presidents.

Thomas Hibben, New York architect, has designed the shrine to Lincoln and his mother. In line and mass, the building will convey all the beauty and dignity of Lincoln's character that stately architecture can convey.

The building will take the form of a series of quadrangular courts surrounding the main structure, from which will rise a carillon tower. The courts are to be bounded by open cloisters, which will connect through the aerial pylons. Within each court will be a pool with flowers, and ivy on the walls.

Above the arches of the cloister will run a band of low relief sculpture, which will take its definition out of the structure itself and in which will be portrayed

the birth and development of a race.

The vaulted ceilings and the walls of the cloister are to be treated with frescoes, Hibben explains. Through each of the arches of these cloisters will be countless vistas of other courts, pools and of the tower itself, rising 150 feet above them.

The tower will be pierced with long, vertical openings, and within will hang great chimes.

Already at the site of the original Lincoln farm, 70 acres have been acquired. Plans contemplate raising \$1,265,000, which will provide for any additional land, the landscaping, design and erection of the memorial building, necessary roads and also the moving of a railroad, which now almost bisects the land which is to be parked.

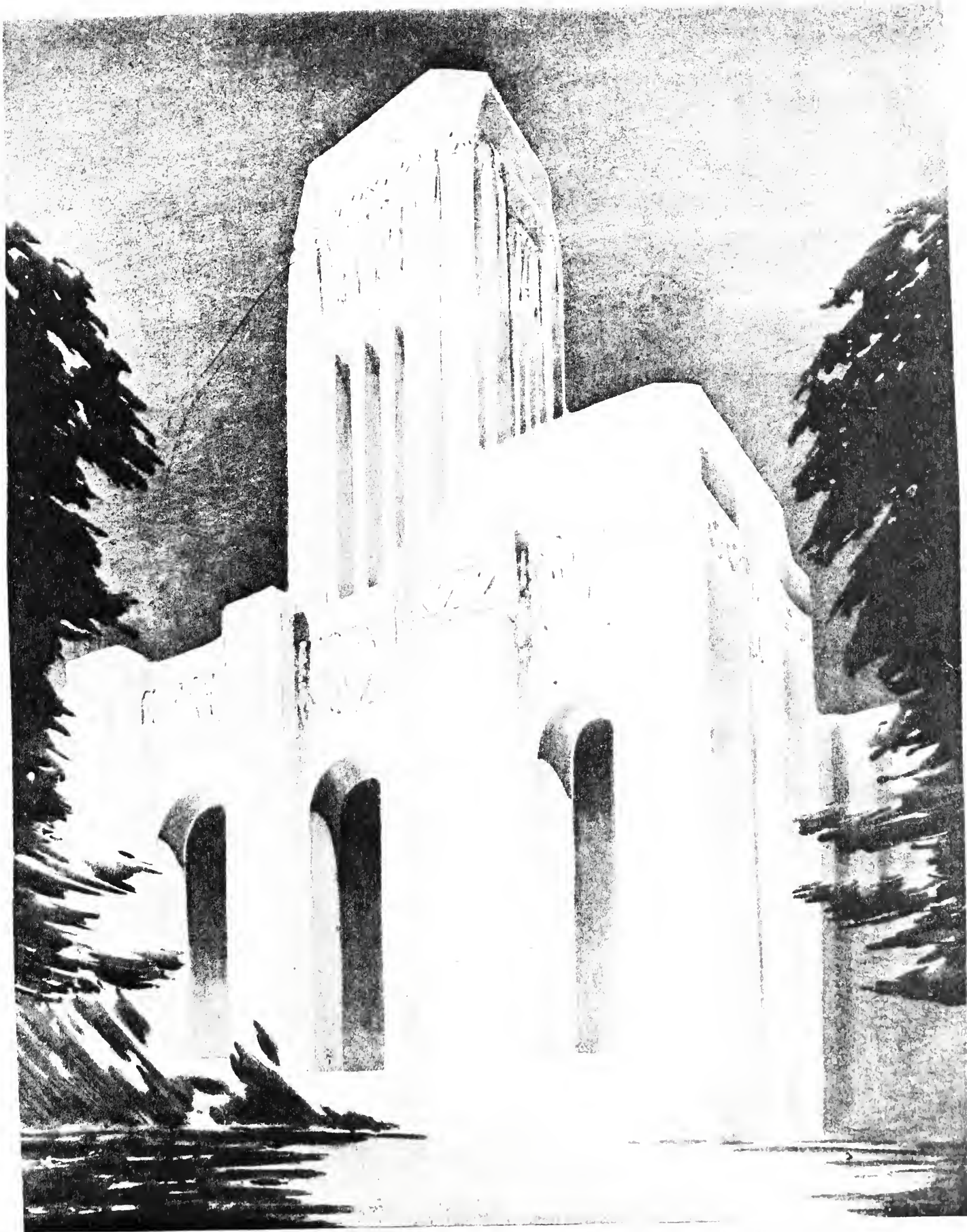




*Courtesy Indiana Lincoln Union, Indianapolis, Indiana.*

Proposed Indiana Lincoln Memorial Building to be erected in Spencer County, Indiana





CARILLON TOWER OF THE SHRINE TO BE ERECTED AT LINCOLN'S INDIANA HOME

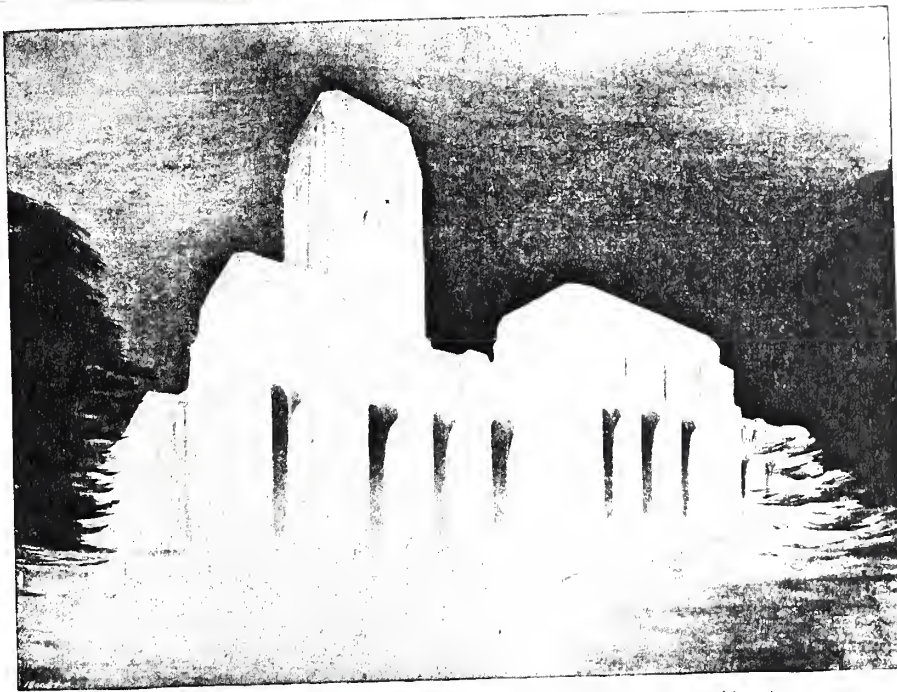
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*Courtesy Judge Roscoe Kiper, Boonville, Indiana.*

Entrance to Lincoln Park, burial place of Nancy Hanks Lincoln,  
Lincoln City, Indiana





Proposed Lincoln Memorial for Indiana (Thomas Hibben, Architect)

## A New Lincoln Memorial

*The State Where the Future President Spent Most  
of His Boyhood Is Raising a Belated Shrine*

*The World Review* 2-2-28  
By DAISY GRENZOW

INDIANA, which did as much to shape the career of Abraham Lincoln as any other State is not to be without its shrine to his memory. At Lincoln City, Indiana, there is soon to be erected a cloistered monument with four quadrangular courts and a carillon tower rising 150 feet above them. Those Indiana hills, sacred to the boyhood dreams of the Emancipator; those fields and woods where his body gained its giant strength and commanding stature, where he got his first knowledge of the great literature of the world, and where he first knew joy and sorrow, ambition and achievement will lend their verdant beauty to provide setting for this monument. It promises to be one of the finest Lincoln memorials in all the world.

Until now, no shrine or statue, no memorial of any sort has been erected in Indiana to Lincoln's memory. Heretofore the State has had only historic markers of famous Lincoln sites—one at the grave of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and another at the location of the log cabin where Lincoln lived for fourteen years in southern Indiana.

The new memorial, plans for which are now going rapidly forward under the Indiana Lincoln Union, will be surrounded by a park which will include the old Thomas Lincoln farm, the site of the Lincoln cabin and the last resting place of his mother. The State highway which leads to the shrine will be dig-

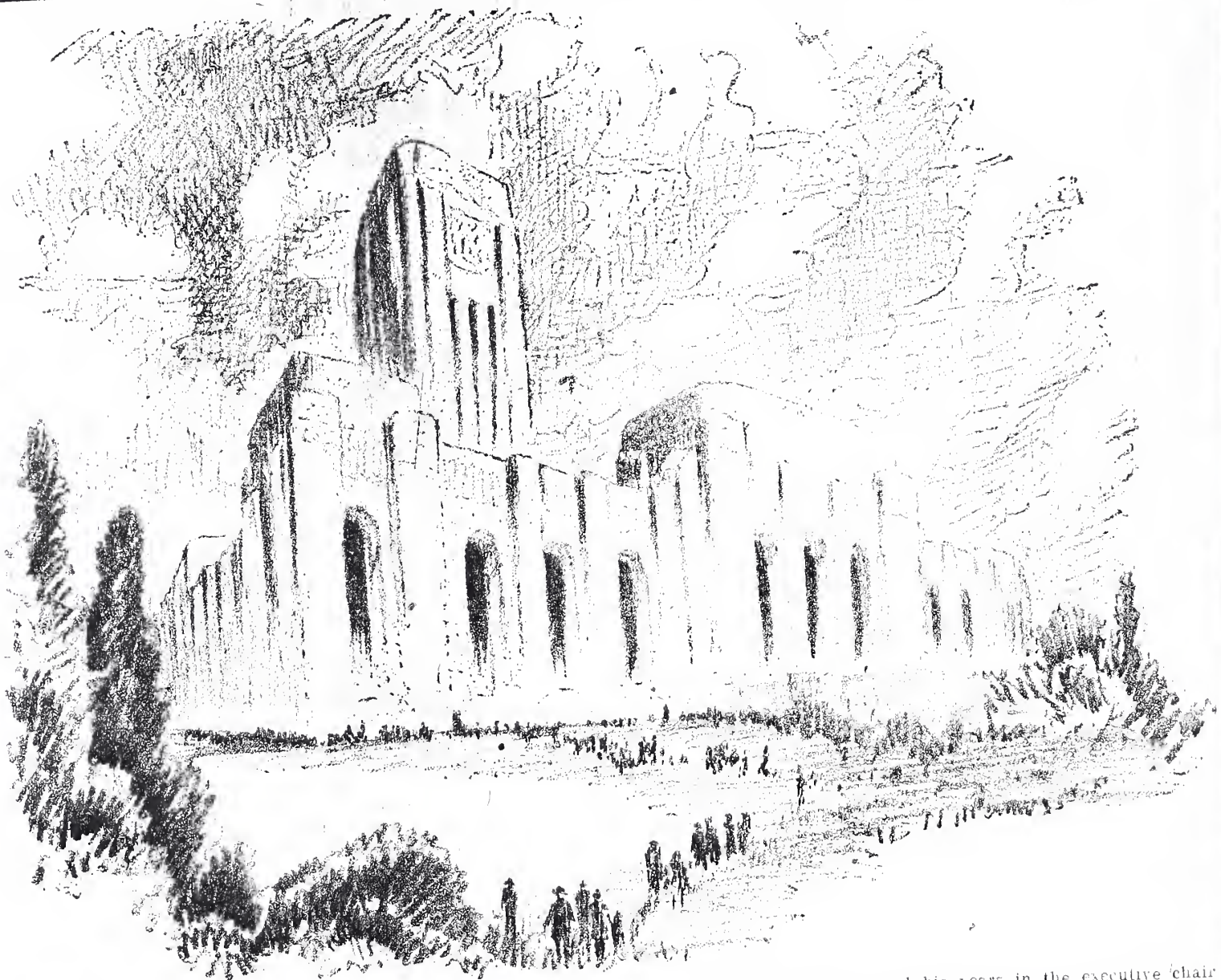
nified and made beautiful by landscaping on both sides of the road for several miles. Close about the main structure of the memorial will be four quadrangular courts, bounded by open cloisters. Above the arches of the cloisters there will run a band of low relief sculpture, portraying the birth and development of a race. The simplicity of Lincoln's character is stressed by the architect, Mr. Thomas Hibben, in his statement of the aims he has sought to attain in the monument. "That which we have sought to build is a symbol of the great power and gentleness that is Abraham Lincoln. We have, therefore, conceived this memorial as such a monument as may be made in the simple truth of structure and grandeur of scale as was the character of Lincoln."

Memorials to Lincoln take all shapes and forms. Not only splendid temples in classic proportion and line, not only monuments and shafts, marbles and bronzes, but parks, and schools, colleges and universities, trails and roads, libraries and lodges, and the ubiquitous stamps and one-cent pieces, perpetuate his name. The outstanding, great memorials are the one at Washington; the memorial at Hodgenville, Kentucky; and the tomb at Springfield, Illinois. Including Kentucky and Illinois, a partial list shows fourteen States and more than thirty cities and towns in this country, and at least three in Europe, having Lincoln memorials.



# INDIANA'S SHRINE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

A DRAWING BY FREDERICK POLLEY.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN is probably the greatest secular influence in all the world. There is not a civilized community anywhere on the face of the globe where the influence of Lincoln has not penetrated and where his name is not known. A friend of the writer who has traveled abroad relates that the St. Gauden's statue of Lincoln in the shadow of Westminster Abbey in London, is never without its floral tribute and the flowers seem to be always fresh cut and new blooms. In a simple burying ground in Edinburg, Scotland, there stands a bronze statue of the Emancipator. And these people know Lincoln and the story of his life as well as we know it, but how many of them—or of us—know that the formative period of his life was spent on Indiana soil; that he was, indeed is, a product of Indiana. The boy Lincoln came to Indiana with his father and mother when he was 7 or 8 years old and for fourteen years, the impressionable years of his life, he lived in Indiana. "The life of Abraham Lincoln falls broadly into four divisions: His birth and childhood, spent in Kentucky; his youth and early manhood, spent in Indiana; his professional

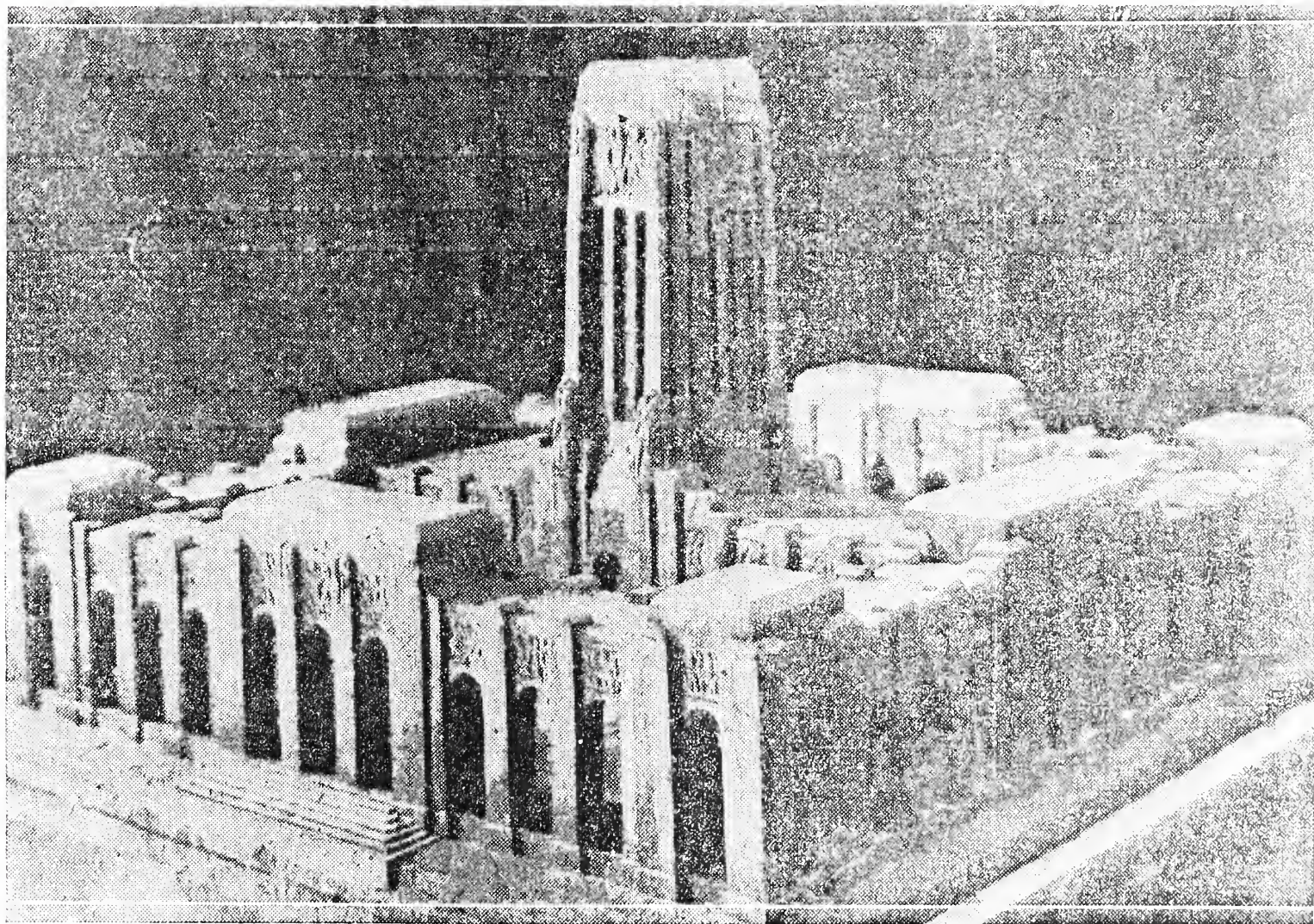
career, spent in Illinois, and his years in the executive chair at Washington." At all of these points one finds more or less magnificent memorials erected to Abraham Lincoln, but in Indiana, where he grew to manhood, we have neglected even to raise a suitable marker to indicate the spot where he spent his life from childhood to manhood. But Indiana is going to "come through." We are to erect the beautiful memorial which appears on this page. The creator of this splendid design, Thomas Hibben, a Hoosier by birth, a citizen of Indiana, has this to say regarding his vision and his plan to convey in line and in material Lincoln's character as the world knew it: "Such a monument must be simple and pure truth of structure, expressing in its form all that we know of the man Lincoln. We have, therefore, conceived this memorial as such a monument as may be made in the same simple truth of structure and grandeur of scale as was the character of Lincoln."

This beautiful structure, which takes the form of a series of quadrangular courts surrounding the main building, from which rises a carillon tower, will be erected in Spencer county on ground made memorable by the young man Lincoln, and where his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, now sleeps in a shaded grove atop a peaceful knoll.



# Model of Proposed Lincoln Memorial Building Will Be Put on Display Here Friday Evening

Grand Stand 4-15-27



ARCHITECT'S MODEL OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL SHRINE.

A model of the proposed Lincoln Memorial building in Spencer county will be on display in the L. S. Ayres & Co. show windows beginning Friday evening, it was announced at the headquarters of the Indiana Lincoln Union yesterday.

City leaders in the memorial movement prevailed upon Thomas Hibben, building architect, to lend the model for local display purposes in order to give Indianapolis citizens opportunity to obtain a more comprehensive idea of the form of the memorial during the period of active solicitation in the city.

The model is one of a series of progressive studies made by the architect in the development of the memorial building.

"In the modeling of this building,"

Mr. Hibben said, "I have attempted to adhere to the same simple truth of structure and grandeur of scale as was the character of Lincoln. The building takes the form of a series of four quadrangular courts which surround the main structure, from which rises a carillon tower. These courts are bounded by open cloisters, which connect through the aerial pylons.

## Countless Vistas.

"Above the arches of the cloister we have indicated a band of low relief sculpture, which takes its definition out of the natural structure of the wall itself and in which is portrayed the birth and development of a race. The vaulted ceilings and the walls of the cloister will be

treated with frescoes. Through the arches of these cloisters are countless vistas of the other courts, of pools, and of the tower which rises about one hundred and fifty feet above them."

The model of the memorial, visualizing the beautiful plans which have been developed and which make the Indiana effort to honor Lincoln rank with the best efforts of Kentucky, Illinois and other states where memorials have been erected, will materially assist in the campaign, according to the leaders in the campaign who have inspected it.

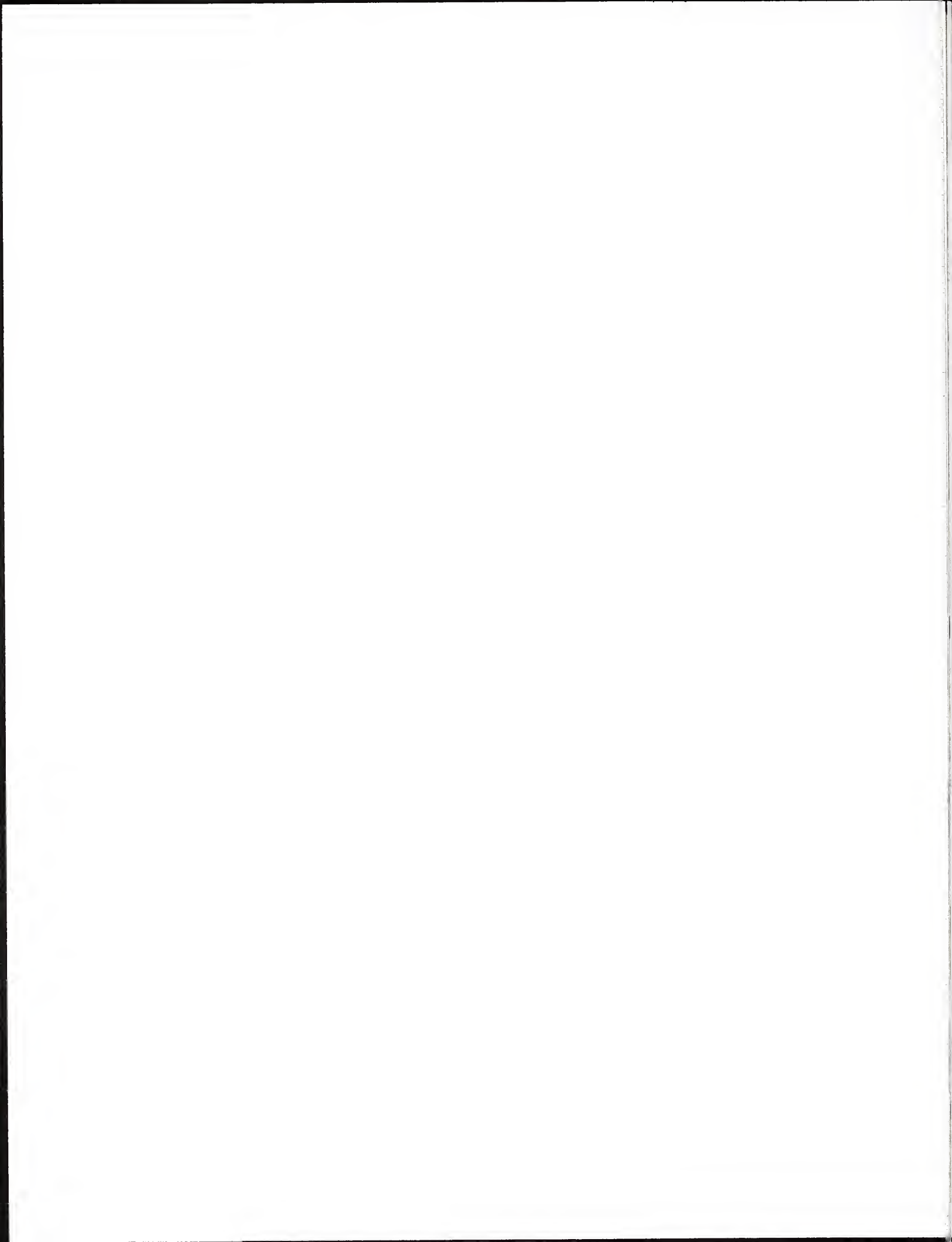
## Considered National Achievement.

These plans, which have been studied by some of the leading architects of the country, are con-

sidered to be a national achievement in memorial architecture and one which will make the Indiana shrine of Lincoln sought out by travelers from all parts of the United States.

The memorial building will be erected at the grave of the mother of Lincoln near the site of the log cabin home where Lincoln lived the fourteen formative years of his life in Spencer county. It will be surrounded by a park including several acres of the original Thomas Lincoln farm. The cost of purchasing these acres, landscaping, the reforesting of native trees, the building and the approaches has been estimated at \$1,200,000, which has been set as the goal of the campaign now in progress in the state.







# Indiana State News Bulletin

Finance, Statistics and other items of interest

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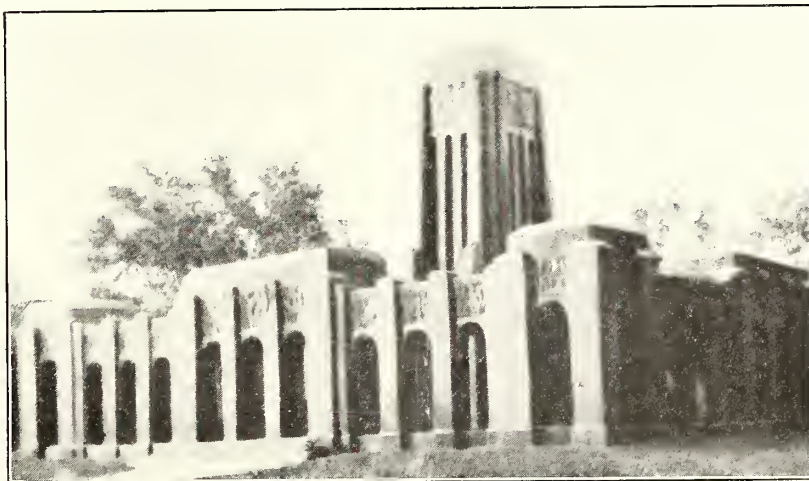
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## PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN

- PURPOSE:** A shrine to pay tribute to Lincoln as a Hoosier, who lived 14 years in Indiana.
- LOCATION:** On a part of the Thomas Lincoln farm where Nancy Hanks Lincoln is buried, near Lincoln City, Spencer County, Indiana.
- COST:** To be erected, landscaped, and equipped at an estimated cost of \$1,265,000.00.
- HOW PAID:** By contributions of the citizens of the State of Indiana.
- NOTE:** Thirty cities in the United States have Lincoln Memorials—Indiana has none.

## STATE FINANCES

May 1, 1928

Condition of funds:

	General Fund		All Other Funds		Total	
Balance on hand.....	\$10,336,697	82	\$1,779,030	50	\$12,115,728	32
Comparison with former years:						
May 1, 1924.....	\$163,128	53	\$5,345,923	61	\$5,509,052	14
May 1, 1925.....	161,645	88	7,758,592	79	7,920,238	67
May 1, 1926.....	7,125,876	75	2,005,504	02	9,131,380	77
May 1, 1927.....	11,210,543	46	2,621,940	42	13,832,483	88
May 1, 1928.....	10,336,697	82	1,779,030	50	12,115,728	32

By an act of the General Assembly, 1925, the Benevolent Institution, State Educational, Vocational Education, Auto License Fee, Auto Theft and Hydrophobia funds were merged into the State General Fund. This fact partially accounts for the increased balance in the General Fund and the decrease in all other funds.

## INDIANA—ITS AREA. SOME COMPARISONS AS TO SIZE

The area of Indiana is 36,354 square miles.

Total area of the 48 states of the Union is 3,026,789 square miles.

Area of Indiana is 1.2 per cent of the total area of nation.

There are 11 states smaller than Indiana and 36 larger, making Indiana rank as the 37th state in size.

Average area of the 48 states is 63,037 square miles.

The total area of the nation divided up into states the size of Indiana would make 83 states.

The area of Rhode Island is 1,248 square miles.

The area of Texas is 265,896 square miles.

Texas would make 7 states the size of Indiana.

Indiana would make 29 states the size of Rhode Island.

Texas would make 213 states the size of Rhode Island.

## INDIANA—ITS POPULATION. SOME COMPARISONS

Population of Indiana, July 1, 1927, 3,150,000.

Population of the United States, 118,628,000.

Indiana's population is 2.65 per cent of the total population of the nation.

New York has greatest population, 11,162,151.

Nevada has the smallest population, 77,407.

Indiana ranks 12th in the United States in population.

Population of Indiana and Chicago are nearly the same.

## DENSITY OF POPULATION

Average population per square mile in Indiana is 88.7.

Average population per square mile in United States is 39.2.

Smallest population per square mile is Nevada, 0.7.

Largest population per square mile is Rhode Island, 544.0.

Population per square mile in the District of Columbia, 7,714.0.



## INDIANA NEWS BULLETIN

Issued on the first day of each month by  
L. S. Bowman, Auditor of State.

Purpose: To show condition of State Funds at the close of each month's business, and other miscellaneous items.

### INDIANA WILL HONOR LINCOLN THE HOOSIER

On the front page of this issue is a cut of Indiana's proposed inspiring memorial to Abraham Lincoln, the Hoosier. It will be erected at Lincoln City, Indiana, and will stand in history as a perfect tribute from the citizens of the Hoosier state.

The memorial is to be erected, landscaped and equipped at a cost of \$1,265,000.00—all to be contributed by the public of Indiana. It is to be located on a 100-acre tract, including part of the original Thomas Lincoln farm, where Lincoln lived for 14 years and where his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried. It was here that Lincoln spent most of the formative period of his life, and Indiana may well claim Abraham Lincoln as her own.

Fourteen states, thirty cities in the United States, already have Lincoln memorials, while Indiana has none. In the aggregate, the people of the various states have given millions of dollars to honor the memory of this great citizen of Indiana. Indiana, which nurtured him through youth and early manhood, has plans for a strikingly beautiful and appropriate memorial to be erected at the original Lincoln home site in Spencer County.

This memorial will challenge comparison with the largest and finest in the world and will become an object of interest to travelers from all over the United States and the rest of the world.

Architect Hibben, a son of Indiana, has designed a memorial which is the joy and admiration of all who have seen the plans. A splendid setting has been devised for it by Fredrick Law Olmstead, America's greatest landscape artist. Every historical aspect of Lincoln's life in Indiana is preserved.

Indiana's tribute to Lincoln compares with Arlington and Mount Vernon. It takes its place with Grant's Tomb, Westminster Abbey, and the historic tomb of Napoleon in Paris. It fixes forever in the minds of future generations the fact that Lincoln was a Hoosier.

### INDIANA STATE LAND SURVEY

The records of the original U. S. survey of the State of Indiana are on file in the land department of this office. We wish to advise that said survey is contained in eight large, bound volumes. This survey was made during the period from 1804 to 1820, as shown by the records. There are also sixty field note records of the survey, and a great number of tract books pertaining to the several land districts of the state on file, which show the names of the original purchasers from the state and the United States governments and the date when patents were issued therefor. The State of Indiana at the present time owns and has jurisdiction over approximately 3,500 acres of meander land in the counties of Lake, Laporte, Starke, St. Joseph and Marshall, which will be sold from time to time under existing laws and patents issued therefor by the State of Indiana. Several thousand acres of these lands have been sold during the past few years, and the net proceeds from the sales credited to the Common School Fund of the state and distributed to the ninety-two counties of the state on a school per capita basis.

### GEORGE ROGERS CLARK MEMORIAL

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Robert Luce, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the following report:

On every hand there is approval for commemoration of Clark, his expedition, and the achievement

that gave us what was long known as the Old Northwest.

It was a great enterprise, boldly and skillfully planned, heroically executed. Clark, a young Kentucky pioneer from Virginia, conceived that the way to protect the infant settlements of the Ohio Valley, to win the favor of menacing Indians between the Ohio and the Lakes, to oust the British from the vast region that had been yielded to them by the French, and thus to remove the menace from the rear that in the darkest months in the Revolutionary War threatened ominously the states strung along the seaboard, was to strike the enemy unexpectedly on the flank and from behind. To that end in the summer of 1778, with a force of less than 200 men, he started downstream from the Falls of the Ohio. Leaving the river near the mouth of the Tennessee he marched overland and took Kaskaskia, a thriving French town near the Mississippi, and then Cahokia, farther up, near what is now St. Louis. Next he sent a detachment eastward to Vincennes, on what is now the Indiana bank of the Wabash River. It yielded without resistance.

When the news of this reached Colonel Hamilton, Lieutenant Governor of the western British possessions, with headquarters at Detroit, he marched at the head of a considerable force to recover the Illinois territory and had no trouble in overpowering the few men who were garrisoning Fort Sackville at Vincennes. There he prepared to pass the winter, never dreaming that he might be attacked at that time of the year. Clark, however, frontiersman and fighter, paid no heed to the perils of the season, and early in February of 1779 with only about 130 men started through the rains and mud of an Illinois winter on his audacious march. It proved to be of nearly 240 miles, by reason of detours to avoid the areas deeply overflowed and to reach places where the swollen streams could be crossed. The desperate venture is not equaled in American annals, nor surpassed by any in the recorded history of any other land.

For nearly three weeks they struggled through the mire, often wading, sometimes up to their necks, in the icy waters. For the last six days they were virtually without food. Hamilton, completely taken by surprise, quickly surrendered. Without the loss of a man Clark thus gained possession of the town and the fort, with the garrison and colonel prisoners of war.

Clark hoped to follow this up with the capture of Detroit. Circumstances frustrated him, but the hold of the British on the region had been so shaken that thereafter such offensives as came from the Lakes were fruitless, and though Indian trouble continued, Clark's achievement, by giving the Kentucky region security enough to encourage the incoming of many more settlers, had so increased the number of fighting men and the volume of supplies as to make the conquest permanent. By the time of the treaty of peace American dominance of the Ohio Valley was so clear that England made no persistent attempt to assert title to the vast region involved. This was the region that became the states of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, with possibly Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and the Dakotas to be included.

To commemorate this the State of Indiana has authorized expenditure by itself, the county of Knox, and the city of Vincennes, which is expected to amount to \$720,000. This is chiefly if not wholly to be used for the purchase of the site of the old Fort Sackville, the removal of the buildings thereon, and the conversion of the spot into a beautiful park with attractive water front. It is hoped to raise a substantial amount in addition by further public action or private contribution to carry out the details of a program that is ambitious but, in the belief of those actively interested, not beyond the deserts of the praiseworthy object in view.

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.—Mark Twain.



Nancy Hanks Park--Proposed shrine

# BALL DONATES LINCOLN SITE

Muncie Manufacturer Presents State With 30-Acre Tract in Lincoln City.

## PROJECT PLANS ADVANCE

(Special to The News-Sentinel)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 6.—Indiana's Lincoln Memorial project advanced materially further toward realization today upon receipt of approximately thirty acres in the town of Lincoln City, a gift from Frank C. Ball, noted Muncie manufacturer and philanthropist.

In the governor's office in the presence of the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln union and group of the state's leading citizens, Mr. Ball tendered Governor Harry G. Leslie a deed for the 30-acre tract which increases the state's land area for the Lincoln memorial to 100 acres.

The Ball gift has an approximate value of \$32,000, and it surrounds and includes the site of the cabin where Lincoln lived sixteen years. Here the great martyred president spent his formative period, and on this soil, many claim, was developed character and lovable personality which made the pioneer backwoods boy a nation's leader in his maturity. Also in this cabin the sainted mother passed on, leaving young Lincoln memories of her greatness, a paternal love unsurpassed and a knowledge that she endured untold privations of pioneer existence in his behalf.

Twelve houses and outbuildings on the Ball gift will be razed, and the tract adjoining original state holdings wherein is the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, will be landscaped and planted to forests and shrubbery. This work, it was explained, is to be in charge of the forestry division of the state conservation department.

### Appreciation Expressed.

In accepting this gift from Mr. Ball, who is state chairman of the Lincoln memorial, Governor Leslie, a central chairman in the memorial campaign, said "that it is one of the outstanding personal contributions of the movement wherein a great state is preparing to pay delayed tribute to its greatest citizen and his immortal mother." The governor reviewed work of the Indiana Lincoln union, and spoke of progress made from the time the state took over the pitifully neglected spot that is destined to become a national shrine and the mecca of many pilgrimages. He pointed out that the state highway department had taken over the matter of relocating road 62, which bisects the tract, and that this improvement will be in accordance to plans of the nationally known architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, designer of the Lincoln memorial.

Payment of pledges made in the campaign a few months ago are coming in promptly, according to J. I. Holcomb, chairman of the building and plans committee and chairman of the finance committee, and those monies are placed on interest in several depositories selected over the state.

The meeting demonstrated clearly that Indiana people are awake to the opportunity of paying fitting but deferred tribute to one, who, during residence on Indiana soil, developed that sublime character and poise and sympathetic human understanding that, when he moved on led to immortal heights and fame.



## Mayor Slack Names Local Committee to Raise Fund for Lincoln Memorial

To give impetus to the Indianapolis campaign for a fund of \$320,000, the city's quota in the state-wide drive for erection of a memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, on the site of his boyhood home in Spencer county, a mayor's committee, which will assist in the campaign, was organized yesterday by a group of business men meeting at the city hall with Mayor L. Ert Slack.

### State-Wide Interest.

"This committee will aid in the campaign in order to give a municipal aspect to the drive," declared the mayor. "Since the project is one that is of interest to the entire state, Indianapolis will have a vital part to play. Without entering into a discussion of the merit of the cause, which nobody denies, the civic aspect of the project is one that can not be overlooked. We can not allow the city to fail to do its part."

The mayor's committee plans to accept contributions of \$100 each, which will be turned over directly to

officials of the Indiana Lincoln Union, sponsors of the memorial, Mayor Slack said. Each member of the committee, many of whom have already made pledges to the fund, subscribed an additional \$100 yesterday and each promised to lend his efforts toward obtaining at least nine more subscriptions of the same amount.

### \$100,000 in Pledges.

Mayor Slack was thanked for his part in the fund by A. M. Glossbrenner, chairman of the local committee of the union. The committee has obtained pledges amounting to approximately \$100,000 to date, less than one-third of the total needed, he said.

Members of the mayor's committee who attended yesterday were Mr. Glossbrenner, Leo M. Rappaport, A. M. Rosenthal, Arthur Jordan, Fred Hoke, Dick Miller, E. L. Patrick, Samuel E. Rauh, Leo Traugott, Louis Borinstein, Lynn B. Millikan, Scott Wadley, Norman A. Perry, Charles E. Coffin and John J. Appel.

*Indel Stein*

*62-19-28*

## MEMORIAL FIGURE SET PRETTY HIGH

At the risk of being condemned by a lot of enthusiastic promoters the News-Journal is going to say that it looks like there was entirely too much commercialism in a proposition to build a million two hundred thousand dollar memorial in memory of the

dollar memorial in memory of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. This is not because her memory does not deserve all that can be given in respect and in honor, but with memorials on every hand the people of Indiana, the same as in many other states, are coming to the place where they can no longer give freely. The appropriation for Wabash county would amount to nearly fifty cents for every man, woman and

child. To be plain about it, that's too much. We can honor the memory of Mrs. Lincoln just as sincerely and just as truly with one hundredth part of that amount. True there might not be quite so much profit for some builder or some architect, and some locality might not have quite such a grand building to point to with pride, but the honor would be none the less, and the public that pays the bill could do it cheerfully whereas the larger amount cannot help but be a burden.

We are paying now for a memorial in Indianapolis that the American Legion as members did not request, but that was pushed through because of a few enthusiasts and because Indianapolis wanted another monument to which she could point with pride. It will be nice to have that memorial at Indianapolis, just as it would be nice to see a big fine memorial for Mother Lincoln, and there is nothing to be said against them, but if we go on letting the enthusiasts dictate the amount we shall pay for each we will find it pretty expensive. It's the enthusiast for this, that or the other movement that is making the incidental expenses of the average household so high that they cannot be met with the income that comes to the average wage earner.

## MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF LINCOLN

George W. Julien, of Delphi, chairman of Carroll county, in the movement to perpetuate the memory of Abraham Lincoln by a suitable memorial in this state, announces that he has received for distribution a number of copies of an attractive booklet entitled "Lincoln, the Hoosier." This is a brief, historical treatise prepared under the direction of the Indiana Lincoln Union, and contains historical facts not heretofore generally available, nor set down in the same compact fashion. The booklet was prepared after first hand investigation of a number of original sources of information in the state of Indiana. No facts are set forth but those which the Union is prepared to substantiate with documentary or other proof. The booklet is also illustrated by a number of pictures, drawn by an Indiana artist, who visited all the scenes in person, and depicts as they are today, the scenes amid which Abraham Lincoln lived and worked during the years that he was a citizen of the State of Indiana. According to the booklet, Abraham Lincoln, with his mother and father, moved into the state in the year, 1816, just a few months before Indiana was admitted as a member of the Union. They lived in southern Indiana until 1830, just a few months before Abraham Lincoln legally became of age, when they moved into the state of Illinois. Mr. Julien believes that these books are particularly valuable to school children and others who are studying the history of their state and those who wish to be well informed concerning the history of Abraham Lincoln. While these books are intended to extend interest in the campaign, a limited number are available for general distribution particularly to the schools, and others who may call on the chairman for copies.

## BILL ASKS \$500,000 INDIANA LINCOLN SHAFT

### Robinson Urges Memorial at Lincoln City, Burial Place of Nancy Hanks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Sen. Arthur R. Robinson, in a bill introduced today, asks the congress to appropriate \$500,000 for a Lincoln memorial in Lincoln City, Ind., where Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the martyred president, is buried. The Indiana Lincoln Union is backing the proposal.

The federal government under an act of the congress is now building in Vincennes, Ind., a \$1,000,000 memorial to George Rogers Clark, Revolutionary war hero.

Under Robinson's bill a commission of 15 members would be created to supervise construction of the memorial. Three to be named by the President, three by the president of the senate, three by the speaker of the house and six by the Indiana Lincoln Union. A similar commission was created for the Clark memorial.

Ann Studebaker Carlisle, South Bend, is president of the Indiana Lincoln Union. Will H. Hays, formerly of Sullivan, Ind., Mrs. John W. Kern, Indianapolis and Stanley Coulter of Lafayette are vice-presidents.



## LET US "GO THROUGH."

**T**HERE should not be any doubt that Muncie and Delaware County will do their part in subscribing the quota assigned to them for the Lincoln Memorial. Of course you are tired of drives, tired of being solicited for funds, but so long as you live in a progressive community you may as well make up your mind that at times you will have to give to worthy causes, and so be cheerful about it.

Every Hoosier takes pride in the thought that Lincoln lived in Indiana during those years of his life when his character was being molded, and we wish this state to take her place among the other states that honor the memory of Lincoln and his mother. We should not, therefore, balk when we are asked to give some concrete expression of our pride. The proposed Lincoln memorial in Spencer County will be one of the most impressive shrines in America. Indiana by honoring the memory of the Martyr President and his mother, is honoring herself.

And Delaware has more than ordinary interest in the success of this movement since Muncie is the home of Frank C. Ball, the state chairman of this campaign—a man who has done very much for Muncie and for the state. Local as well as state pride, therefore should prevent our "falling down" on our part of this project.

Those who have taken upon themselves the burden of the campaign have the hard job—not you who are asked to give a few dollars that may be paid over a period of years, for the solicitors are also contributors, and they gain no greater benefit from the success of the project than do you.

After this shrine is built, tens of thousands from other commonwealths will visit it every year and go away with a high regard for a state that was capable of accomplishing so worthy an object. Indiana has been subjected to much adverse criticism in the last few years, a great deal of it warranted. The Lincoln memorial well may become part of our answer to such criticism.

If you have not done your part, there is still time. You will feel better afterward to know that you have had a share in paying tribute to the man who freed three million human beings from bondage, and gave up his own life that the Union might live.

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ITOR, Grandview, Indiana, June 6, 1921

## MYSTERY OF LINCOLN HOME

Disappearance Revealed Yesterday At Historical Society Session.

The final disposition of the Lincoln home in Spencer county was revealed at the session of the Southwestern Historical Society at Richland yesterday when the statement was made that the structure was sold to Captain Revis, of Evansville, who shipped the logs by rail to Rockport and then by boat to Cincinnati where they were made into souvenirs and sold to the public.

The location of the three Indiana homes of the Lincolns was given the same as formerly published in The Monitor.

There was a large attendance and a very interesting historical program. A bit of Grandview history figured in one of the papers, which we will try hard to find for publication later.

## LINCOLN UNION ACTIVITY

Unfolding of Plans and Work for the Lincoln Memorial Park and Building at Lincoln City.

John W. Schroeder, of Lincoln City, attended court here Wednesday and says we will not know Lincoln City in a few days. They are now engaged in removing the buildings from the land purchased by the Lincoln Memorial Association—the deals for the property having all been completed. The buildings have been moved to other sites, some along the improved road between Lincoln City and Dale and some along the Lincoln City-St. Meinrad road. —Rockport Journal.

It has been announced that an Indiana millionaire, a Mr. Ball, has agreed to reimburse the Indiana Lincoln Union for all expenditures incurred in the purchase of property at Lincoln City for enlargement of the Lincoln Park, and the Union will be able to use all its funds for the building program.—Dale Reporter.

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## PRESS CLUB PROGRAM SUNDAY

Speeches and Music Draw Big Crowd  
to Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park...

Monitor, July 18, 1929

"All great men are born of great mothers. This, I think, is especially true of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln. The splendid, dauntless courage, the unconquerable spirit, the high and holy purpose of Nancy Hanks, the pioneer mother, transformed the common dust into star dust and gave the world Abraham Lincoln, the gentlest yet most courageous of mankind," said Governor Sampson, of Kentucky, in his address Sunday at the picnic of the Boonville Press Club. His address was a fine eulogy of the martyred president and his mother.

Louis O. Chasey, executive secretary to Governor Leslie, was present in the absence of the Governor, who said among other things: "From time to time the Master picks out some common man and trains him to meet the crises in the milestones of progress. Abraham Lincoln was such a man. We need some common man like Lincoln to solve the problems of the present day. Labor is being exploited. The so-called privileged classes have little regard for law observance. There is even a tendency toward the disintegration of the American home. The nation surely needs some man who will settle these vital questions."

Wm. B. Carleton, president of the Club, conducted the memorial service at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and placed a wreath on the grave.

There were a number of fine vocal solos and music by three or four organizations and a real picnic dinner in groups as the various families and collections chose to form.

At the close of the program a set of resolutions were adopted, as follows:

#### The Resolutions.

"They only sleep, those cherished hearts

Whom we call dead.

So still they lie in dreamless rest,

We softly tread

And drop our tears upon the mounds

Where flowers bloom

And in our grief forget they are

Beyond the tomb."

The Boonville Press Club comes not here to shed a tear but comes here in annual picnic as a recognition of the historic importance of this, the burial place of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, who gave birth to the immortal Abraham Lincoln.

The gentle breeze fans her verdant covering, she heeds it not; the sunshine and the storm pass over, but she is not disturbed; the lettered monument but symbolizes the affection of a gracious government which found its affection after years of waiting, yet no sound proceeds from her—but the good, the vision and the

greatness she gave the world through her son, continues to shine with undisturbed lustre which grows as the years roll by.

We are in sympathy with the public movement to erect here a memorial suitable to the historic importance of the place. As an organization of publicity we pledge our every effort to encourage the promotion of this park as a National Shrine, second in importance to none.

We extend our thanks and a full appreciation to Frank C. Ball and the other members of the Ball family for their generous gift of the land from the original Lincoln farm to be added to the park.

We extend our thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the 1929 picnic. We feel that every effort made for the success of this picnic is time and talent well directed.

We renew our pledge to continue to tell the world about the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park for its beauty and its historic value to the nation.

We resolve that we will continue to hold these annual picnics and renew our faith in this spot as a National Historic Shrine.

We appreciate the interest shown by those who are making an effort to build an improved highway from the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Park to Old Pigeon church and cemetery where lies the remains of Sarah Grigsby, sister of Abraham Lincoln, and we suggest that in the event the road is built it be dedicated as the Nancy Hanks Memorial Highway.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to Lcu Swain and Martin Hansen, of WGBF, for "The Tri-State Hymn" and its rendition for the first time at our 1929 picnic. We recommend its adoption throughout the tri-state territory.

With a great deal of pleasure we commend the work of Hon. Richard Lieber, chairman of the Conservation Department of the State, for the interest he has taken and the good work he has accomplished for the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park.

We are in sympathy with the movement sponsored by the National Lincoln Memorial Highway Association to induce the National Government to construct a concrete highway forty feet wide from the birth place of Abraham Lincoln at Hodgenville, Ky., through Vincennes, Ind., Farmington, Decatur and Springfield, to Beardstown, Ill., and we appreciate the efforts of Claude W. McDaniel, Virgil Anderson, W. K. McDaniel and E. S. Clayton, members of the National Highway Association in attending our annual picnic in support of this highway.

A. J. Heuring, Chairman, of the Winslow Dispatch,  
Charles H. Johnson and Roy Rucker, Boonville Standard,  
W. B. Carleton, Boonville Enquirer,  
Fred Foster, Evansville Courier and Journal,  
L. J. Early, Pike County Democrat,  
Ora Lance, Evansville Press,  
C. T. Baker, Grandview Monitor,  
U. S. Lindsey, Rockport Journal,  
Wm. G. Minor, Cannelton Telephone,  
Ernest W. Owen, Secy. Boonville Press Club,  
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# Lincoln City

Martinsville Planet, July 11, 1929

Sunday, four local members of the Lincoln National Highway association drove to Gentryville and Lincoln City, Indiana, to attend the annual celebration at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, of the Press Club of Southern Indiana. They were W. K. and Claude McDaniel, Virgil Anderson and E. S. Clayton.

The trip was made by way of Lawrenceville, Vincennes and Evansville, and was for the purpose of fostering and furthering the good work begun by the executive committee at Vincennes in their inspection tour last week.

The Press Club was formed some five years ago with ten members, who arranged to make an annual pilgrimage to the grave of Abraham Lincoln's mother. It now has fifty members and the attendance at the annual affair reaches into thousands.

The local members got into personal touch with members of the Club, Governor Sampson of Kentucky and the secretary of Governor Leslie of Ind. They were given the opportunity to have one member tell the gathering from the speaker's stand of their mission and invite Indiana and Kentucky to join hands with Illinois in the building of a great highway from shrine to shrine and over the trails the Lincoln's traveled from Hodgenville, Kentucky, to Gentryville, Indiana, and the Sangamon country in Illinois.

The Illinois committee was so well received that the Press Club gave them and The Lincoln National Highway Association a place in their resolutions, endorsing it and the great work it is doing.

Thus the states of Indiana and Kentucky propose to line up and join hands with the Lincoln National Highway Association of Illinois, forming a powerful tri-state organization.

The grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln is on the top of a high, circular hill, covered with a beautiful grove of native trees, and dominating the surrounding country-side. A wide gravel road winds along its west and north sides. It is now a state park with space on the south side for parking automobiles. The main entrance to the park is from the north. An indented space leads the visitor to a great iron gate with couchant golden lions on pedestals on each side. Up this avenue, thus formed and some distance from the lion gate, is another entrance with great golden eagles on either side on high pedestals. A large marker on the left hand side of the first entrance reminds a visitor that this is the burial place of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and therefore sacred ground. The entire park is laid off with fine gravel walks, well kept shrubbery and flowers.

The grave is surrounded with an iron picket fence and the first monument erected by a friend of her illustrious son stands inside this railing. A much larger monument stands just outside of the railed enclosure. A million dollar memorial will shortly be begun, most of the money for which has been raised.

A few years ago her grave was described as a lonely and neglected place. All that has been changed. Today it is one of the most beautiful spots in Indiana and is being visited by thousands every year.

Standing beside the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and remembering the bitter grief of her son Abe when she was laid to rest in that then lonely spot one wonders if that grief would have been lessened could he have had a vision of the future and the thousands that gathered on these beautiful grounds to do honor to that mother.

The party had the privilege of visiting Old Pigeon church, accompanied by a member of the Press Club, where Sarah Lincoln Griggsby and her husband are buried. She was the only sister of Abraham Lincoln, and somewhat older. She died at 22 years of age.

# MEMORIAL DRIVE IN THIRD DISTRICT TO START OCT. 28

## Three Hundred Attend Meeting at Dale; County Quotas Are Announced

ROCKPORT, Oct. 15.—(Special).—A dinner at the school house in Dale on October 28, officially will launch the Lincoln Memorial union's third district campaign for funds for the Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial.

This was announced today following a meeting of more than 300 members of the Lincoln Memorial union in the school building at Dale last night. Chairmen of practically every county in the district and a number of the members of their organizations attended. Quotas for some of the counties not heretofore announced were given last night as follows:

Spencer county, \$5,325; Perry, \$4,500; Dubois, \$4,500; Crawford, \$2,100, and Orange, \$3,300.

### INDIANAPOLIS MEN SPEAK

The principal speeches were made by the Rev. Louis A. Warren of Indianapolis, a member of the state committee, and Norman A. Buck, state chairman of the campaign. The Rev. Mr. Warren traced the Lincoln family from Samuel Lincoln, in Salem, Mass., through New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana. He emphasized the life of Lincoln in Indiana. He complimented the Southwestern Indiana Historical society for its Lincoln inquiry which, he said, had gathered data very valuable to the Lincoln Union. The speaker used motion pictures to illustrate points in his address.

Norman A. Buck explained the work of organization for the fund-raising campaign. H. E. Owen of Indianapolis, field manager of the campaign, said that literature in pamphlet form soon was to be distributed throughout the state. One of the pamphlets, he said would give full information as to Abraham Lincoln's life in Indiana, and another would describe the memorial which the Lincoln Memorial Union plans to build at Lincoln City.

### WEDEKING, HUFFMAN SPEAK

Others who spoke included Albert J. Wedeking, state highway commissioner of Dale who gave the address of welcome; B. F. Huffman, of Rockport, chairman of the Third district organization, who presided; D. E. Cadick of Grandview, chairman for Spencer county; C. D. Schreiber of Tell City, chairman for Perry county; W. F. Dundine of Jasper, chairman of Dubois county; John D. Murray of English, chairman of Crawford county; W. W. Cave of French Lick, chairman of Orange county; Walter F. Huthstelnier of Tell City and W. C. Mason of Rockport, the latter, chairman of the "special gift" committee, and Mrs. Bessie V. Ehrmann of Rockport, president of the Southwestern Indiana Historical society and chairman of the historical research and reference committee of the Lincoln Memorial Union.

The meeting opened with a chicken dinner served by the Ladies' Aid society of the Dale Methodist church.

## SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT MEETING

Another step in the Lincoln Memorial drive was taken last Friday evening when people from all over the third district of the Southern area met at the school auditorium in Dale and enjoyed a sumptuous banquet served by the M. E. Ladies' Aid of that place.

The meeting was presided over by the district president, B. F. Huffman, of this city. Mr. Huffman explained the object of the meeting and introduced Hon. A. J. Wedeking, member of the State Highway Commission, who in a few generous words welcomed the visitors.

The ladies fed 164 people, who were arranged in groups according to counties. One long table, at which fifty ate, was filled with Spencer county people besides several were seated in other parts of the rooms. Perry county was represented by a large number of enthusiastic workers, and when the drive proper starts Spencer county will have to bestir herself or Perry will beat her going over the top.

Dubois was also well represented and they, too, were enthusiastic. We know that Orange and Crawford counties will be in the front line trenches when the final drive is made for their county chairmen as well as others of their citizens were present and assured the gathering that they would do their part.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, of Zionsville, Ind., the historian of the Lincoln Union, gave a stereopticon lecture on the Lincolns, tracing their migration from the early settlement on the Atlantic coast down through the middle Atlantic states and then into Kentucky and on into Indiana. His lecture was made more interesting by the many pictures, showing different scenes in the life of Thomas Lincoln and his family. Dr. Warren has spent many years in research work covering the life of Lincoln and especially the part pertaining to "Lincoln, the Hoosier."

Norman A. Buck, who is state manager of the Memorial drive, was then introduced and he told of the plans that had been worked out for the drive.

The drive for this district will be made the first week in November. By that time each township chairman will have his territory completely organized and it is felt that in a short time each county will be able to report its quota subscribed. Pledge cards will be signed and each individual will be given two and one-half years in which to pay his or her pledge, one-fifth every six months.

Henry E. Owen, who has charge of this area, emphasized the things said by other speakers.

Mrs. Bess V. Ehrmann, chairman of the Lincoln Union Historical Research Work, spoke a few appropriate words.

The county chairmen in each of the five counties made statements of the progress of the work in their respective counties.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Misses Laura Martin and Lucile Karnes and James F. Hill.

It was announced that another district meeting will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 28th, at which time final plans will be announced.

ROCKPORT JOURNAL, 10-15-29



## THE ONE THOUGHT

The one outstanding thing in which Indiana, and especially Spencer county, is interested at this time is the proposed Lincoln Memorial to be erected at Lincoln City as soon as funds are secured by donations from the people.

This memorial means much to Indiana but more to Spencer county than to any other county of the state for it was here that Lincoln spent the fourteen formative years of life and it is here that his mother lies buried and where his ashes will forever rest. Spencer county is not unmindful of this and we predict that the solicitation next week will meet a hearty response from our people. We think that each citizen of this county wants to say when the work is completed, I had a part in the building of that memorial, be the donation ever so small.

We have not and cannot be able to realize the magnitude of the undertaking until it is completed and not then for the only thing we can then do is to look on in wonderment. The spending of \$1,265,000 within our county is beyond our comprehension and to think it will all come for so small a sacrifice on our part.

We should like to have it said that every citizen of Spencer county contributed his or her mite toward this undertaking.

From a material standpoint, and this is the least consideration, Spencer county will gain more than any other county. This memorial will bring hundreds of thousands of visitors here each year and they cannot come without adding to the finances of someone. So let all pull together and show to the outside world that Spencer county is proud of the great honor of having added something to the life of the great Lincoln, by being liberal with our donations and by being first to more than meet our quota.

But it is wholly from a patriotic point that we should view this movement and give for that reason that future generations may see and appreciate the patriotic spirit which directed the state of Indiana in building his memorial to the man who said that a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## MEMORIAL DRIVE

Everything Ready For Drive Next Week  
For Funds to Erect Lincoln Memorial. Spencer Expected

*Revised Jan. 10-27-21*  
**TO GO OVER TOP IN SHORT ORDER**

Contributions for a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, who spent fourteen years of his life in Spencer county and to his pioneer mother, who lies buried on the farm where her son lived, will be solicited by the county organization of the Indiana Lincoln Union, the first week in November.

Each and every citizen of Spencer county should seek those who are giving their time and energy to this very noble cause and contribute liberally that this county may set an example of patriotism and devotion to this memorial which is to be erected within our county.

The donation you make will be given by signing a pledge card which will be presented by the town and township workers and this will provide for five payments. The first installment will be due December 31, 1927, and one payment will fall due each six months thereafter.

In the event anyone should desire to pay cash; the pledge cards are so arranged that receipts can be given by the workers and strict account made of all monies collected. When paying by check they should be made payable to Thomas Taggart, Treasurer, Indiana Lincoln Union.

It is highly important that the citizens of this county rise to the occasion and over-subscribe the quota which is assigned to us.

The workers in the various townships are as follows, the first one named in each list is the township chairman:

### Luce Township—Quota \$600

James Herrell, Joe N. Mattingley, Julia Lawburg, Edna M. Montgomery, O. L. Bennett, Robert Harris, Madison Johnson, Jr., Alva McKinney, Earl Deweese, Mildred Held, Grace Raibley, James Wilson.

### Ohio Township—Quota \$2,000

John G. Rimstidt, Thomas F. Seay, John V. Atkinson, C. F. Brown, Mrs. C. F. Brown, Mrs. Louis Wiener, R. E. Roberts, Thomas Fortune, Mrs. Cordelia Glackman, Mrs. Gertie Mason, Hilbert Bennett, W. H. Brown.

### Hammond Township—Quota \$650

William H. Wohler, Joe Forsythe, C. E. Lemme, Lydia Herron, Maude Forsythe, R. Frank Hurst, George Rumble, Dr. H. T. Harter, Mrs. H. T. Harter, Mary Hurst Mueller.

### Huff Township—Quota \$250

Wolf Mann, James Chapman, Adolph Wittman, John Muelzer, Carl Ginglebach, Frank Waldhier, William K. Huff, Dick Hopkins.

### Grass Township—Quota \$400

J. Fred Bergman, Edwin Beeler, Sam Clark, John Hill, John Sampson, Henry Sohn, Andrew Mann, William Link, Ross Fuller, Cora Belle Abbott, Emma Riley, Bernard Hartz, Mrs. Frank Yates, Mike Miller, George Freschley, Harry Beasley, Fritz P. Kramer, Courtland Stonecypher, Wayne Schriefer, Louis E. Bays.

### Clay Township—Quota \$225

Chris Egnew, Floyd Barker, Fred Schriefer, Virgil Held, Robert Vogel, Dave Kennedy.

### Jackson Township—Quota \$200

George W. Harris, Oliver Perry, Ora Kirk, Charles Newton, George Gerlach, Steve Crews.

### Carter Township—Quota \$650

Sylvester Rhodes, Roy Reke, Paul Heichebech, O. I. Brooner, Mrs. Sam Weller, Mrs. Arthur Roell, Mrs. Grant Johnson, Frank Gogel, Elizabeth Lipsey, Charles Simpson, John R. Daunhauer.

### Harrison Township—Quota \$350

Rev. Columbian Thuis, John Huffman, Matt Doersch, Robert Widmer, Jacob Ruxer, William Lottes, Joseph Sergesketter, Vincent Gudorf.

**Memorial to Lincoln and Nancy Hanks.**

*See Encl 9-27-29*  
Creation of an Indiana Lincoln Memorial commission to construct a memorial to Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, at the site of the latter's grave near Lincoln City, Spencer county, Indiana, was asked in a joint resolution introduced Thursday afternoon by Senator Robinson of Indiana says a Washington dispatch.

An appropriation of \$500,000 would be provided and the State of Indiana would furnish the site and maintain the memorial. The commission would be composed of 15, three appointed by the President, three senators, three representatives and six members of the Indiana Lincoln Union, with which the commission would co-operate in the work.

Headquarters of the Indiana Lincoln Union, at Indianapolis Thursday announced that \$300,000 had been pledged by popular subscription in Indiana to erect a memorial at Lincoln City. With this fund, some of which is not yet due, the union expects to complete the work of landscaping the site.

If the joint resolution introduced by Senator Robinson, calling for an appropriation of \$500,000, succeeds of passage, the original memorial designed by Thomas Hibben will be built, officials of the Lincoln Union said.



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This announcement was made by J. L. Holcomb, chairman of the Building and Plans Committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union having the memorial in charge. Work is to start immediately.

The Lincoln cabin site has been cleared of underbrush, and mud streets closed in what formerly was a part of Lincoln City, with erosion on hill slopes stopped by grading and planting, the committee reports.

Thirty acres of the original Thomas Lincoln farm which for years was a part of Lincoln City, is to receive a major part of this year's plantings. This tract was purchased by Frank C. Ball, for \$32,000 and given to the Memorial project.

The planting program is under the immediate direction of Donald B. Johnston, Indianapolis landscape architect, carrying out landscape plans of the memorial architect, Frederick Law Olmstead.

Charles C. Deam, state research forester, is advising with the committee, and forestry division officials of the conservation department assisting.

Thousands of trees and shrubs, all native species, including elm, sycamore, tulip, cherry, sweetgum, black oak, sugar maple, red oak, locust, ash, scarlet oak, red maple and black willow will be used. Height, general size and symmetry of these species was considered so at maturity they properly fit into the general landscape scheme.

For some years an iron fence enclosed the original sixteen acres of the Lincoln Park, likewise the grave of Lincoln's mother which, under present plans will be removed, and a new iron fence thrown about the major part of the park. The entire 100 acres will be landscaped.

In selecting trees for planting the committee gave consideration to those species that probably existed when Lincoln spent his boyhood on Hoosier soil, and which at maturity will compose a veritable forest primeval, similar in all respects to that period in our state's history.

Those associated with Mr. Holcomb in developing this part of the Lincoln Memorial are Frank C. Ball, J. K. Lilly, Herman P. Lieber, Hilton U. Brown, Charles C. Deam, Ralph F. Wilcox, state forester; Joseph F. Kaylor and Abram Freeman of the forestry division, and Mr. Johnston. According to Mr. Holcomb the planting program will be completed this fall and next spring.

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## MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN'S MOTHER

There are so many laudable memorial projects nowadays that it is sometimes hard to decide their relative merits. Most all of them are worth while and it would be unpopular to discourage them.

The activity of the Indiana Lincoln Union, which is proposing to erect a \$1,000,000 memorial to Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of Abraham Lincoln, at Lincoln City, Spencer county, is a worthy one. Yet its failure to raise more than approximately \$300,000 of that amount makes us wonder if its conception is not too ambitious.

As the mother of one of the world's greatest of men, Nancy Hanks Lincoln deserves to be remembered and revered. She was buried in this state where Lincoln spent a part of his boyhood, and until recently her grave was almost neglected. It is now realized that we have been negligent, for the state should have a feeling of pride, and now does have, because of the association of the Lincolns with its early history. Without a doubt there should be an appropriate memorial at Lincoln City which will remind this and future generations that Lincoln's mother died in this state and that Lincoln lived here.

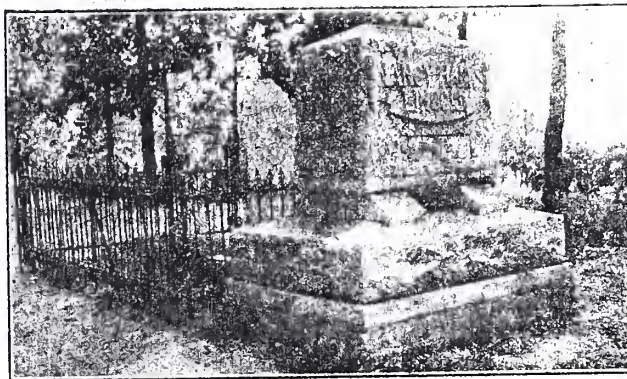
However, \$1,000,000 is a large sum of money to ask the people to raise. Although a professional fund-raising firm in New York was paid \$40,000 to raise the money, it was able to secure only a fraction of the amount desired. Now it is announced that congress will be asked to appropriate \$500,000 for the memorial to be added to the amount raised by private subscriptions. Of course, we hope congress will see clear to help, but it may hesitate to spend such a large sum in the state in addition to the appropriation already made for the George Rogers Clark memorial at Vincennes.

It is not always the amount of money spent on a memorial that makes it impressive. The Washington monument at Washington and the one at Baltimore are majestic, but far more impressive is the simple tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon.

ELKHART INT TRUTH  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1929.

## MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE

*Rock had been moved*  
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For Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City to Start Monday,  
November 7th, With Final Report on Armistice Day.

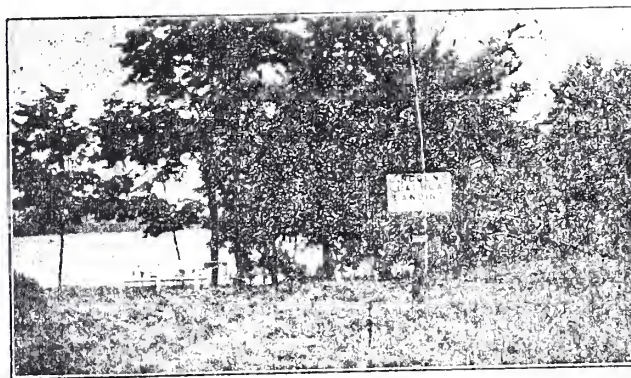


THE GRAVE AT LINCOLN CITY

The drive for the Lincoln Memorial fund will be made in the third district of the southern area next week, starting on Monday, and it is hoped to have it completed by noon on Armistice day, Friday, Nov. 11th.

District Chairman B. F. Huffman

tells us that every county is thoroughly organized and to use a slang expression, "rarin' to go." He has very encouraging letters from each of the county chairmen in the five counties in his district and all feel sanguine over the outcome. All feel that they will be able to raise their respective quotas with but little



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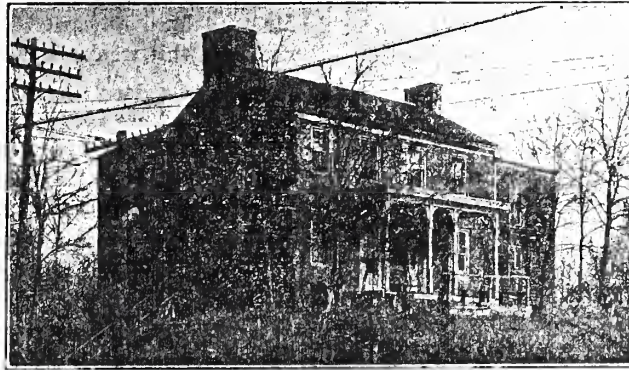
trouble.

Mr. Huffman feels that Spencer county will have to bestir herself or some of the other counties will beat his home county.

The work up to this time has been mainly organization, getting ready for the real work of soliciting. The last general meeting, before the

drive, was held at Dale last Friday evening and all parts of the district were well represented. At this meeting pledge cards were given out to the township chairmen, who in turn will distribute them to the workers. Each township chairman will at some time most convenient between now and Monday hold a





THE OLD TAVERN WHERE LINCOLN STOPPED IN 1844

meeting with his or her workers and divide up the territory. These meetings will be called by the township chairmen at a time most convenient for them.

There promises to be some rivalry among the townships as to which will go over the top first. It is the plan to start the canvass Monday and have it completed by Friday noon, Armistice day, Nov. 11th. Then on the evening of that day a final meeting will be held at Dale and each chairman will report the result of the drive in his township or county.

The pledge cards are in the hands of the workers. Each person solicited will be asked to sign one of the pledge cards and state thereon the amount that he or she wishes to contribute. The pledge provides for this amount to be paid in five equal installments, one-fifth each six months.

The solicitors in addition to making donations themselves, are giving of their time and it is hoped that each person solicited will be liberal and cause as little delay of those who are doing the soliciting as possible.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1930

## CARLETON'S DREAM

William B. Carleton, editor of the Boonville Enquirer, in southern Indiana, admits he is a dreamer. But his are day dreams. He is usually wide awake when they take form. Now the editor—senator, they call him, for he has been an Indiana state senator—is laying plans for a university at Lincoln City. He would have its buildings rise where the lanky Kentucky youth grew to manhood, where his mother sleeps, and in an environment sentient with memories of the emancipator.

Senator Carleton's dream appeals to all who, in spirit, visit Lincoln City. The towering hills rolling toward far horizons, the quiet of the country that gave strength to Lincoln, and away a few miles the Ohio that bore him south, from which trip he returned with hopes to unmanacle slavery from the brain of man. There is a brooding calm on the hills, and through the wall of years the vision spears. It races back to Hodgenville's marble temple and its sheltered cabin. It leaps ahead to Washington and Booth's fatal shot, and it rests vibrant in the liberated heart of humanity.

Various ways have been taken by those who would honor Lincoln. Already schools have borne his name, and students urged to ponder the simple annals of his fame. Monuments shatter the sunlight in many climes, and around the earth youth chants a paean of praise. His native state holds dear the quaint, rude hut that was his first home. Indiana marks his trail to the west, and Illinois that gave him to the nation adds her voice to honor him.

But Lincoln City has a claim beyond other spots on his pathway. There he laid away the mother who bore him, and there atop the hill she slept while the son forged in his soul the fagots that blaze still brighter. The silence of the rural burying ground is eloquent with a yearn for more Lincolns to crest the heights of need, to press the feet of youth into the narrow walk of right. And Senator Carleton's university would provide a channel through which the stream of Lincoln's power could bear the ship of state when other perils come.



7, ILLINOIS, JULY 18, 1930

*Weekly Eagle*

# Memorial By Press Club

## Service Conducted At Grave Of Abraham Lincoln's Mother

Evansville, Ind., July 13.—Residents of Hodgenville, Ky., birth place of Abraham Lincoln, assisted the Boonville Press Club in the seventh annual picnic and memorial at the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park in Lincoln City, today.

The principal addresses were given by Judge O. M. Mather of Hodgenville, who spoke on "Kentucky's tribute to Abraham Lincoln," and William Fortune, Indianapolis, whose subject was "Indiana's tribute to Lincoln and his mother." There also were brief talks, by Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, lecturer and writer, member of the Indianapolis Star Staff; Meredith Nicholson, Hoosier novelist, both of Indianapolis; Marcus Dickey, writer Brown County and Indianapolis; Maj. Byron Parsons 95 years old, Evansville, who related the three times he saw Abraham Lincoln, once when he was on his way to be inaugurated; next when he reviewed the army at the close of the war, and again as he lay in state. Curtis, Shake, Vincennes, former State Senator, and John W. Boehne, Evansville Democratic candidate for Congress, First District, also spoke.

A memorial service was held at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln at 1:30 o'clock with Judge Roscoe Kiper, Boonville, conducting the ceremony. The Press Club wreath was placed upon the grave by little Misses Elizabeth Dillingham and Laverne Roth.

Mrs. Alice M. French, Indianapolis, organizer of the American War Mothers, assisted in the ceremonial, placing a wreath from that body upon the grave, also delivering a brief address. E. A. Richardson, Evansville, Indiana Poet Laureate, read original Lincoln poems. A. J. Heuring, editor of the Winslow Dispatch, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, introduced among others a resolution to continue the effort to have the road from Hodgenville to Lincoln City and on to Springfield, Illinois, all improved as the Lincoln Trail.

# SEEK STATE'S AID TO HONOR LINCOLN

## House Members to Introduce Tax Measure for Indiana Memorial.

(Picture on Page 9.)

Completion of a memorial to Abraham Lincoln on the southern Indiana farm where he spent the formative years of his life and where his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried, will be provided for in a bill to be introduced in the Indiana House of Representatives this morning.

The bill would levy a tax of two-fifths of a cent on each \$100 of taxable, in 1932 and 1933 and would create a fund to be known as the Lincoln Union fund.

Political partisanship will play no part in the introduction of the measure by a group of representatives from both parties, headed by Representative Fabius Gwin of Shoals, Democrat.

### Complete Series of Memorials.

If the measure is passed, it will complete a series of memorials to the martyred President in three states—Kentucky, where he was born, In-

diana, where he spent fourteen years of his youth, and Illinois, where his body was buried.

The memorial, which is to be constructed of Indiana limestone, and to which architects and landscape artists have contributed their services, will overlook the proposed Lincoln highway, which would connect Hodgenville, Ky., his birthplace, with Springfield, Ill., where his body was entombed.

The plans for the memorial have been fostered for four years by a group of citizens who formed the Indiana Lincoln Union. They have raised approximately \$300,000 for the purpose, and they have purchased the land where Nancy Hanks Lincoln lies buried, the Lincoln homestead, where the family settled when it left Kentucky. It is located near Lincoln City.

Governor Harry G. Leslie is honorary president of the organization. Other officers are William J. Mooney, vice president; Will H. Hays, vice president; Thomas D. Taggart, treasurer, and Stanley Coulter, dean emeritus of Purdue university, secretary. Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, who died recently, was president.

The union decided to appeal to the state for assistance after it had accepted a plan for a memorial that will cost \$100,000 less than the one originally planned. The structure was designed by Thomas Hibben of New York, nationally known architect.

The organization has purchased 360 acres of land about the proposed memorial site. One gift of \$31,000, made by Frank C. Ball of Muncie, was used in purchasing land that was included in the homestead of Thomas Lincoln.

### Members of Committee.

The committee which recommended the appeal to the General Assembly is composed of Mr. Mooney, J. I. Holcomb, Mr. Taggart, Arthur R. Hall, Charles Greathouse and Mr. Ball.

In presenting the matter to the Assembly the members issued the following statement:

"In southern Indiana, on the farm where Abraham Lincoln lived from his seventh to his twenty-first year, his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried.

"To the state of Indiana has been left the heritage of this mother's grave and the responsibility to care for it and for the thousands of memorials which are part of the formative years which her great son spent on Hoosier soil.

### Represents Much Work.

"A committee of representative citizens, working under the name of the Indiana Lincoln Union, has been studying and planning for four years to determine the form that this expression should take. Architects and landscape experts from all parts of the country have contributed their advice and skill in making the memorial appropriate and significant.

"The Indiana Lincoln Union has raised funds from voluntary contributions sufficient to purchase the necessary land which includes the priceless part of the old Thomas Lincoln homestead and to carry out the reconstruction plans inclusive of the erection of simple buildings. This work has either been done or is under preparation, but the union has not the funds to complete the memorial in its entirety.

"Kentucky has enshrined his birthplace. Illinois guards the national martyr's ashes, the District of Columbia has erected an imposing temple to his undying memory. The great memorial highway is now planned to connect his birthplace at Hodgenville, Ky., with his resting place at Springfield, Ill. This road will pass through our own Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial.

### Close Last Link.

"This memorial as planned will close the last link in the chain of nation-wide admiration and gratitude. Therefore, it is proposed that the state provide the additional amount with which to complete this work. A four-mill tax levied over a period of two years will be sufficient to meet the needs."

The tax will produce approximately \$400,000 during the two years it is to be believed.

INDIANAPOLIS IND STAR  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1931.

## Urges Lincoln Shrine

Abraham Lincoln spent his formative years in Indiana. His mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried in Indiana. Kentucky, Illinois and the national government have honored themselves by erecting permanent memorials to Lincoln.

It is for Indiana and her people to complete the tribute by erecting a fitting Lincoln shrine at Nancy Hanks Lincoln's tomb, on the farm where Abraham Lincoln grew to manhood. Much has been done. Much yet is to be done before Indiana's tribute has been paid.

You will hear from those who are in the Lincoln Memorial movement what the plans are and how those plans are being advanced. The cause is worthy and is entitled to a fair hearing and full consideration.

After an exhaustive survey of the state the tuberculosis commission has a report in printed form, making available to you its conclusions and findings as to the most practicable means and methods for combating the insidious white plague.

I recommend the adoption of this report and urge that the necessary steps be taken without delay to put in effect the plans contained therein.

The seventy-sixth general assembly authorized a commission to study and report on the needs of Negro orphans within the state. This commission will be ready to report in due time.

A commission was authorized by the general assembly of 1929, to study and develop a solution of the problems confronting the railroads of the state and their employees. This commission is going forward with its investigation. It should be continued for another two years.



# APPEAL FOR BIG MEMORIAL FUND TO BE SPURNED

## Legislators' Wrath Roused by Tactics of Lincoln Shrine Boosters.

Legislation appropriating \$400,000 for the Lincoln Memorial union apparently is scheduled for a speedy death late today, when the house ways and means committee receives a deputation from the union to hear an explanation of the memorial program.

An invitation Wednesday night to a dinner party at a downtown club was the tinder that inflamed the opposition of several members of the committee.

Intimating that Paul Brown, executive secretary of the union, was a lobbyist, Representative Sam Benz (Dem., Crawford and Harrison), and a veteran of former sessions of the assembly, vehemently spurned the invitation.

### Benz Declines Invitation

"I'm not going to break a rule I set twenty years ago for myself and accept favors from any organization seeking passage of legislation," Benz hotly told the committee, hammering on a table to emphasize his stand.

"You can't tell me anything about the Lincoln memorial," Benz told Brown. "I live in that part of the state and I know the purpose of the idea and the feeling of southern Indiana people toward it."

"What happened to that state drive you fellows put on?" continued Benz.

Brown explained that approximately \$300,000 was pledged by subscription.

### Admits Expense Is Heavy

"Yes," retorted Benz, "and the people who raised it got about half of it, didn't they?" This, Brown denied, saying subscription commissions amounted to about \$40,000. He admitted, however, that this sum was exclusive of expenses, which were approximately as much again.

Representative George B. McCammon (Dem., Madison) came to the meeting with the report he had been approached as to his attitude toward the bill and had informed his questioner that anything he (McCammon) would have to say would be said before the committee.

McCammon and Representative John D. T. Bold (Dem., Vanderburgh) joined Benz in rejecting the dinner invitation, Bold declaring himself against the spending of such a huge sum when "if Abraham Lincoln were alive, he undoubtedly would consider building of a costly memorial inappropriate and incompatible with the simplicity which was the keynote of the martyred President's character."

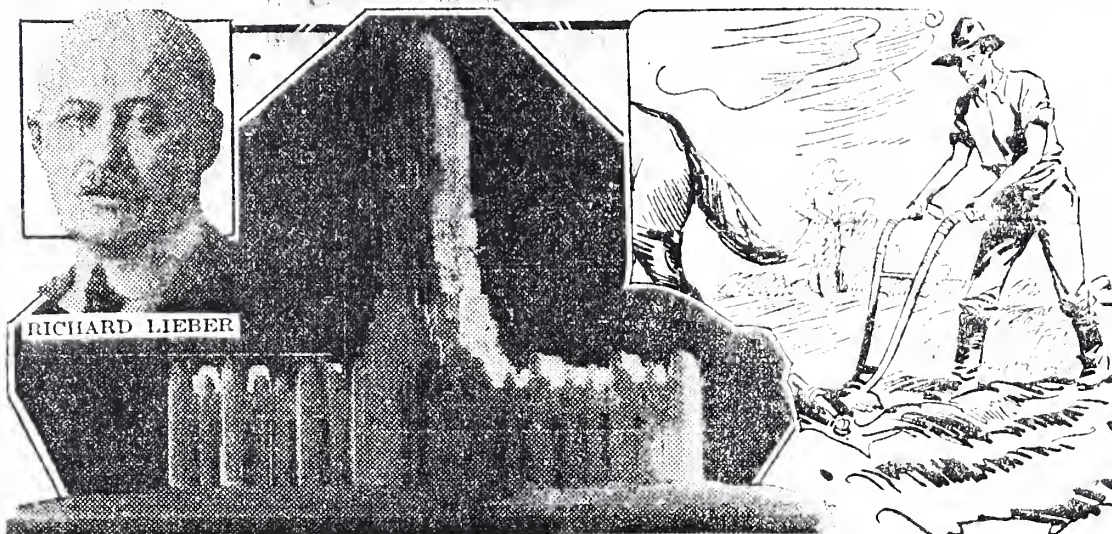
Representative Hardin S. Linke (Dem., Bartholomew), committee chairman, set 4 p. m. today as time for a hearing of backers of the memorial bill.

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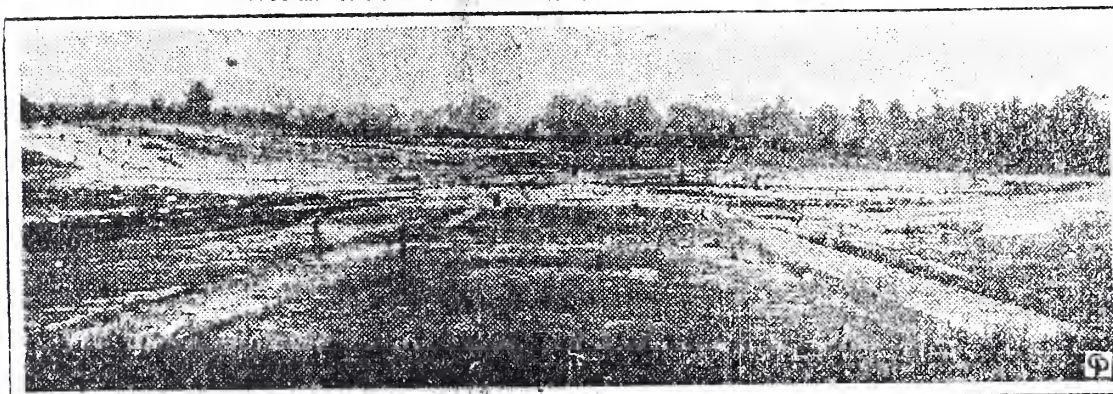
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1931.



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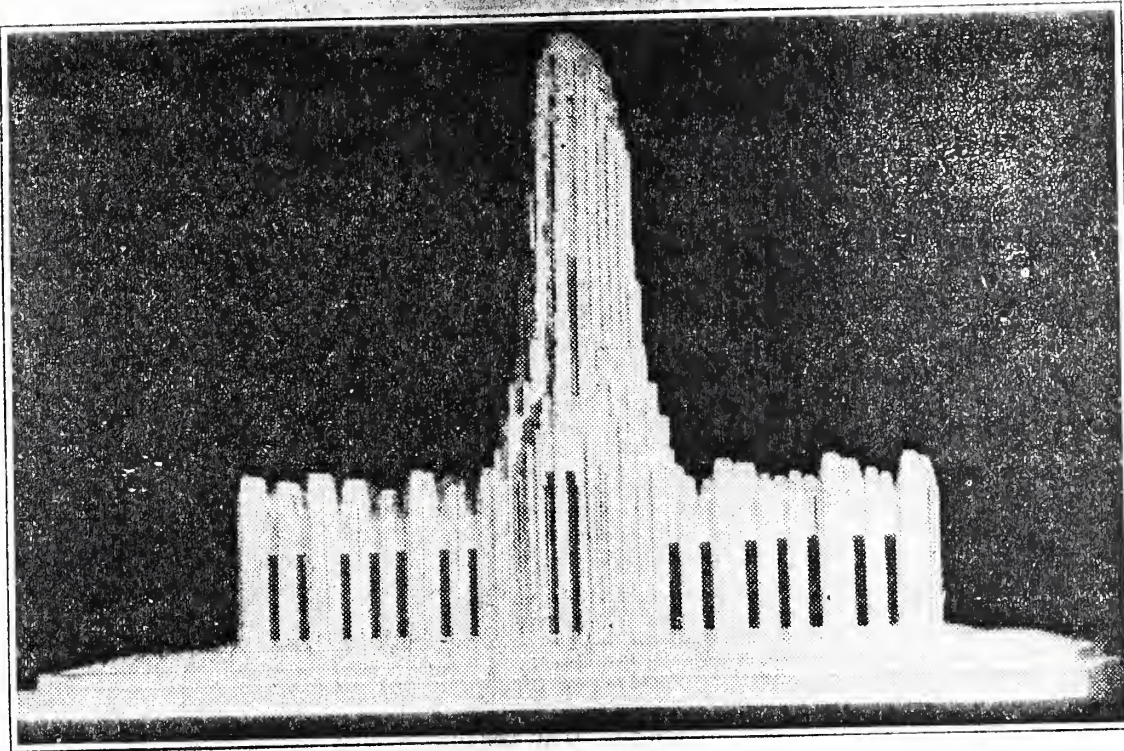
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The Indiana Lincoln Memorial Design

## A Memorial to Lincoln's Mother

Indiana's Monument Will Be Connecting Link Between Birthplace and Final Resting Place of the Martyr President

The state of Indiana plans to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln, who grew to manhood on her soil, and of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, who is buried there, by erecting a stately memorial on the old Lincoln homestead near Lincoln City, Ind.

This early homestead of the Lincoln family was a thickly wooded tract when Nancy Hanks came to it from Kentucky in 1817 with her husband, Thomas Lincoln, and their son, the 7-year-old lad who was to become America's first martyr president. Her days in Indiana were comparatively few, for in the October of the following year she was a victim of a mysterious epidemic which swept the district and the homestead became her burial place. It was to this homestead that Thomas Lincoln brought his second wife, Sarah Johnson, and it was here that Abraham Lincoln spent the years of his childhood and early youth.

To the state of Indiana has been left this heritage of his mother's grave and the responsibility of caring for it. Four years ago the Indiana Lincoln Union was organized and has raised sufficient money through gifts to purchase the necessary land, including the priceless part of the old Thomas Lincoln homestead, and to carry out the plan of erecting simple, necessary buildings. The funds are not sufficient, however, for the suitable memorial which it desires and there is now pending before the Indiana general assembly a bill to place a tax of two-fifths of a cent on each \$100 in taxable property to be operative for two years. By this means it is expected that \$400,000

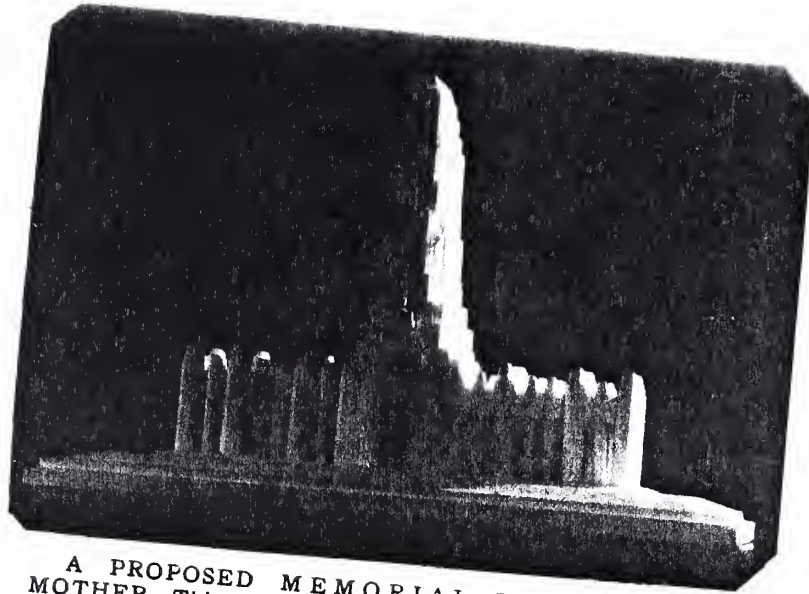
will be raised for the building, which is to house a Lincoln museum.

Many Indiana citizens feel that it is fitting for that state to provide the required sum in this manner. Kentucky has enshrined Lincoln's birthplace, Illinois guards his ashes, the District of Columbia has erected a splendid temple to his memory. The memorial highway which is planned to connect his birthplace at Hodgenville, Ky., with his resting place at Springfield, Ill., will pass through the acres of the Indiana homestead, and so the Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial will become the closing link in the chain of the nation's devotion to a great memory.

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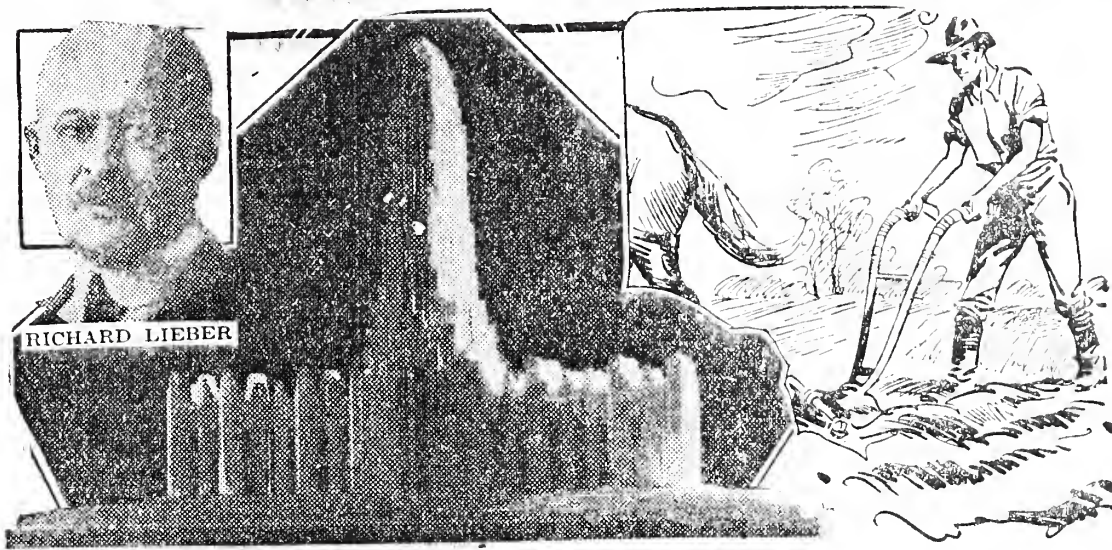


A PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN'S MOTHER—This monument to the memory of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and her great son is projected for the old Lincoln homestead near Lincoln City, Ind. The Indiana legislature has been asked to appropriate funds.

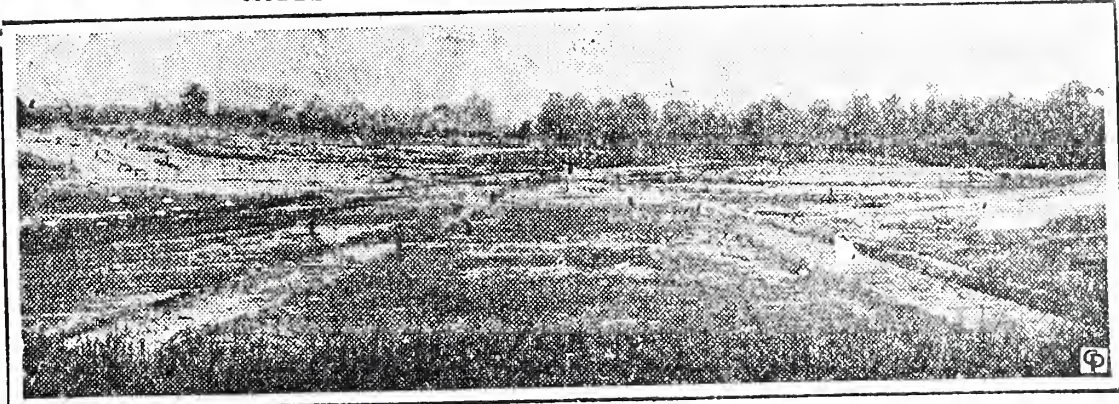
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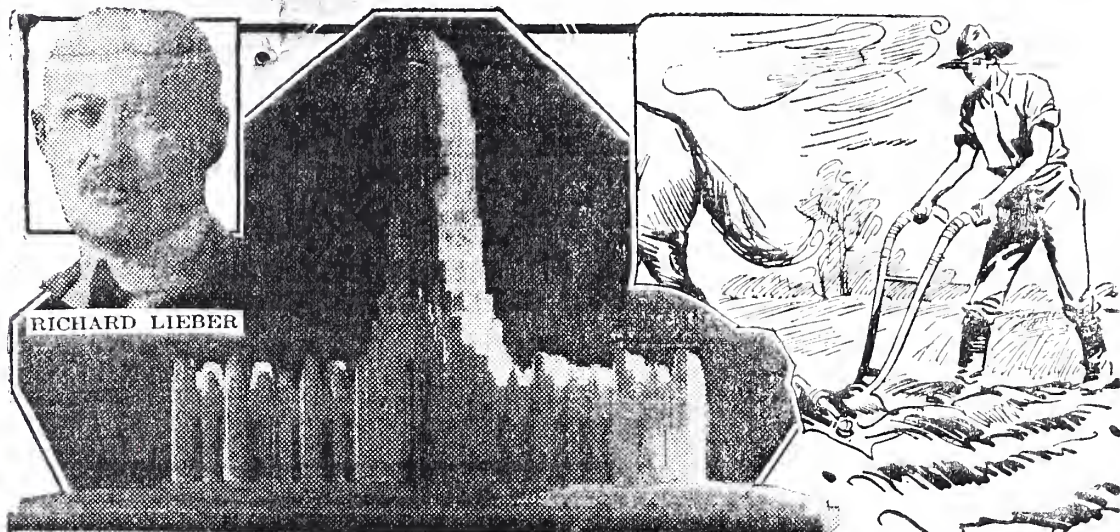
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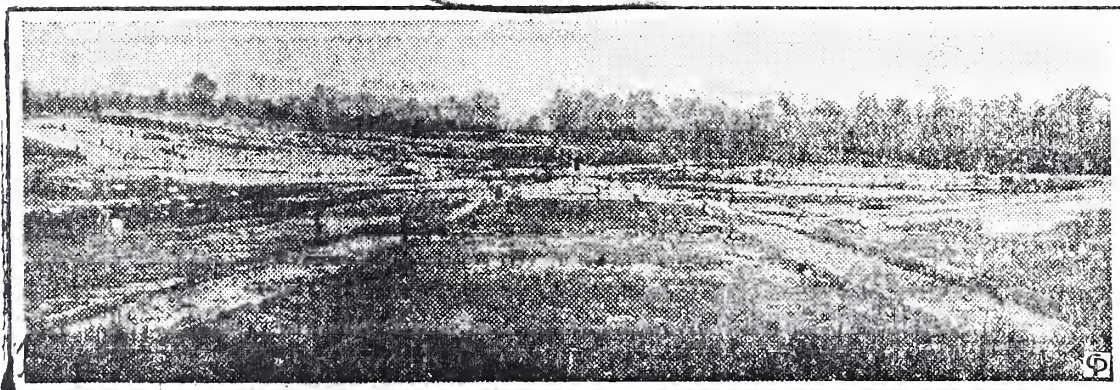
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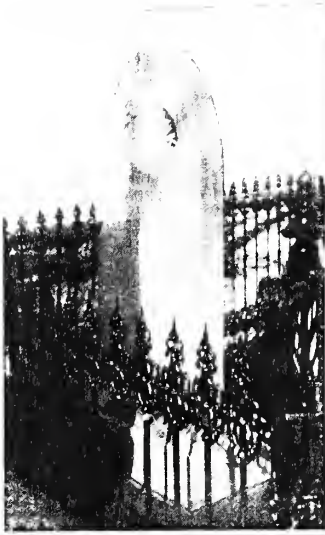
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—Photo by Indiana Lincoln Union

*Only marker Indiana  
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Existing marker which  
shows location of cabin  
where Lincoln lived four-  
teen years in southern  
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—Photo by Indiana Lincoln Union



# Lincoln Memorial to Honor President and His Mother

## Carillon Tower Will Rise 150 Feet Surrounded by Four Quadrangular Courts

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Special Correspondence). — Indiana's belated honor to Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the son who spent 14 of the formative years of his life in the southern part of the State will take the form of a cloistered monument to be built at Lincoln City, Ind., under the plans proposed by the architect, Thomas Hibben of Indianapolis. A carillon tower rising 150 feet and four quadrangular courts about the main building are features of the memorial. Surrounding it will be a park which will include the site of the Lincoln cabin and the resting place of his mother, now marked by a small monument, near Lincoln City, in Spencer County.

To make possible a fitting memorial at the place where the Lincoln family lived from 1816 to 1830 the Indiana Lincoln Union is beginning a campaign for a fund of \$1,265,000.

The simplicity of Lincoln's character is stressed by the architect in his statement of the aims he has sought to attain in the monument. "That which we have sought to build," Mr. Hibben said, "is a symbol of that great power and gentleness that is Abraham Lincoln. We have, therefore, conceived this memorial as such a monument as may be made in the simple truth of structure and grandeur of scale as was the character of Lincoln."

The building takes the form of a

series of four quadrangular courts which surround the main structure, from which rises a carillon tower. These courts are bounded by open cloisters which connect through the axial pylons. Within each court is a pool with flowers and ivy on the walls. Above the arches of the cloister there runs a band of low relief sculpture, which takes its definition out of the natural structure of the wall itself and in which is portrayed the birth and development of a race.

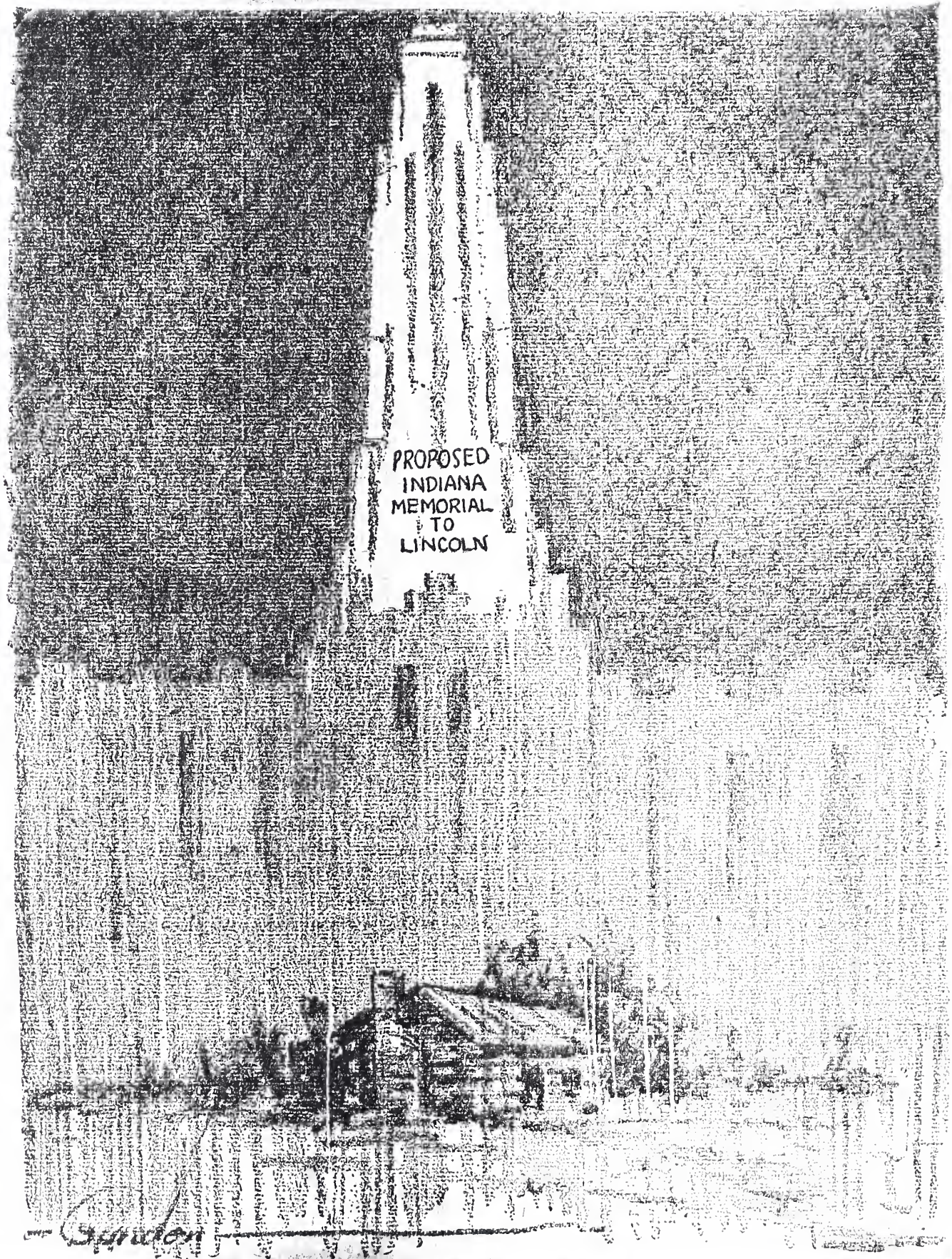
The vaulted ceilings and the walls of the cloisters are treated with frescoes. Through the arches of these cloisters are countless vistas of the other courts, of the pools and of the tower which rises about 150 feet above them.

The tower is pierced with long vertical openings and within hang the chimes. Under the chimes is placed an organ for those occasions of celebrating in music the memory which we hear symbolized. On each side of the tower is an inclosed hall with high clear windows lighting it from both sides and on the walls and ceiling are mural paintings in character with the building. There is provision for rest rooms and a small restaurant. The whole group is about 200 feet in each direction and of sufficient size to care for about 2000 people within the sheltered portions and an additional 2000 in the courts.



The Journal-Gazette, February 12, 1931

## *Modern Architecture's Tribute to the Humble*





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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park Sunday,  
May 24, 1931.

The officers of the Spencer County Historical Society announce the following program to be held in the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park at Lincoln City, Ind., Sunday afternoon, May 24th, 1931, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

Music . . . . .The Rockport Band  
D. W. Kessner, Director.

"America" . . . . .Audience  
Led by Mrs. Louis Kramer, of  
Rock Hill, Ind.

The Invocation . . . Rev. J. H. Toombs  
Pastor U. B. Church, Dale.

"The Star Spangled Banner" . . . .  
. . . . .The Rockport Band

A Word of Welcome . . . . .  
. . . . .Mrs. Flora Williams  
of Dale, Ind.

Address . . . . .Mr. Paul H. Schmidt  
Lawyer, Evansville, Ind.

Music . . . . .The Rockport Band  
Honorary Salute . . . . .

. . . . .The American Legion  
At the Grave of Mrs. Lincoln.

Mr. Roy Martin, Sergeant-at Arms  
Spencer County Legion.

Benediction . . Rev. Raymond Skelton  
Pastor M. E. Church, Chrisney.

A special invitation is extended to  
old soldiers, their wives and widows,  
the Woman's Relief Corps, and the  
descendants of friends of the Lin-  
colns and old settlers.

Mr. T. C. Basye, president; Mrs.  
O. D. Ehrman, vice president; Miss  
Larra Mercy Wright, secretary; Mr.  
U. S. Lindsey, treasurer.

Lincoln History in Spencer  
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Spencer county with his father in  
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the next fourteen years. About three  
years after settling in Spencer  
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mother of "Abe" died from fever and  
was buried at the top of the knoll  
about a half-mile distant from the  
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Indianapolis News



## DEVELOPMENT OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL PARK

Lincoln City, Ind., July 13.—Development of Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial park preparatory to a memorial shrine to honor the former President and his mother who sleep amidst these southern Indiana hills, was explained Sunday afternoon to members of the Boonville Press Club and their thousands of guests, by J. I. Holcomb of Indianapolis, president of the Indiana Lincoln Union.

It was the Press Club's eighth annual picnic, and the meeting this year was to emphasize building of the Lincoln National Memorial Highway from Hodgenville (Ky.) to Springfield (Ill), the route being that traversed by Abraham Lincoln, in his youth, when the family migrated from Kentucky, thence to Indiana and then to Illinois.

Lincoln Highway Commissions from the three states provided speakers. Richard Lieber, director of the state conservation department which has custody of Nancy Hanks Lincoln Burial Ground, was among the speakers.

The Indiana Lincoln Union was organized 4 years ago and has undertaken the task of establishing an appropriate shrine, surrounded by a restored, natural and beautiful park, to the end that all citizens of this nation may feel that Indiana has properly, fittingly and permanently honored the lad, Abraham Lincoln who spent his formative years on Hoosier soil, and his mother who sleeps here, Mr. Holcomb said.

The speaker said the Union had acquired several hundred acres of ground now included in the park so that the State may control the approaches, protect the park from unsightly roadside stands, provide parking areas and tourist camps, and eventually connect the park with the main state highway through Gentryville.

He listed the planting of 23,000 native forest trees and 15,218 native shrubs within the area in the last few years, and said the Union was following closely the landscaping planned by Frederick Law Olmstead, one of America's leading artists.

"Through effective cooperation of the Indiana state highway commission, the bi-secting highway was relocated to the southern end of the park.

Explaining progress of the Union, Mr. Holcomb told how they enlisted the cooperation of the people generally because members believed this memorial could not serve its true purpose unless it became the sincere expression of all. Two years were devoted to educational work, and in the end more than 40,000 school children and about 20,800 others made contributions to the memorial.

"The report of the finance committee shows a balance sufficient to carry out the Olmstead plan of landscaping, but there yet remains the task of securing funds with which to build the monument proper, designed by Thomas Hibben, expressing in its simplicity and honesty of form, all that Lincoln the man represented.

"This memorial must be an expression of Indiana, built by the people of our state through their properly constituted authority, the State Legislature."

Mr. Holcomb asked that each one in his audience take a personal interest in this work, and appealed to them to exert their influence with members of the Legislature to get behind this Southern Indiana project, to the end that at the next session of the General Assembly, Southern Indiana at least will present a solid, militant, organized front for this memorial building.

He declared Indiana owes this to Lincoln's memory, and it is the right and duty of the citizens of Southern Indiana to demand this recognition and a speedy completion of the memorial building, which will properly and fittingly memorialize Lincoln and his mother.

"Abraham Lincoln is now a figure of the ages, and I am sure the passing of time will but add to the luster of his name and all the important spots he trod along the path to world acclaim. Such a spot we are now standing upon, and while more than thirty cities and towns in this country, and at least three cities in Europe, have erected memorials of note, this spot, where lies the remains of his mother, is still unmarked in a way commensurate with dignity and majesty of the sovereign state of Indiana."

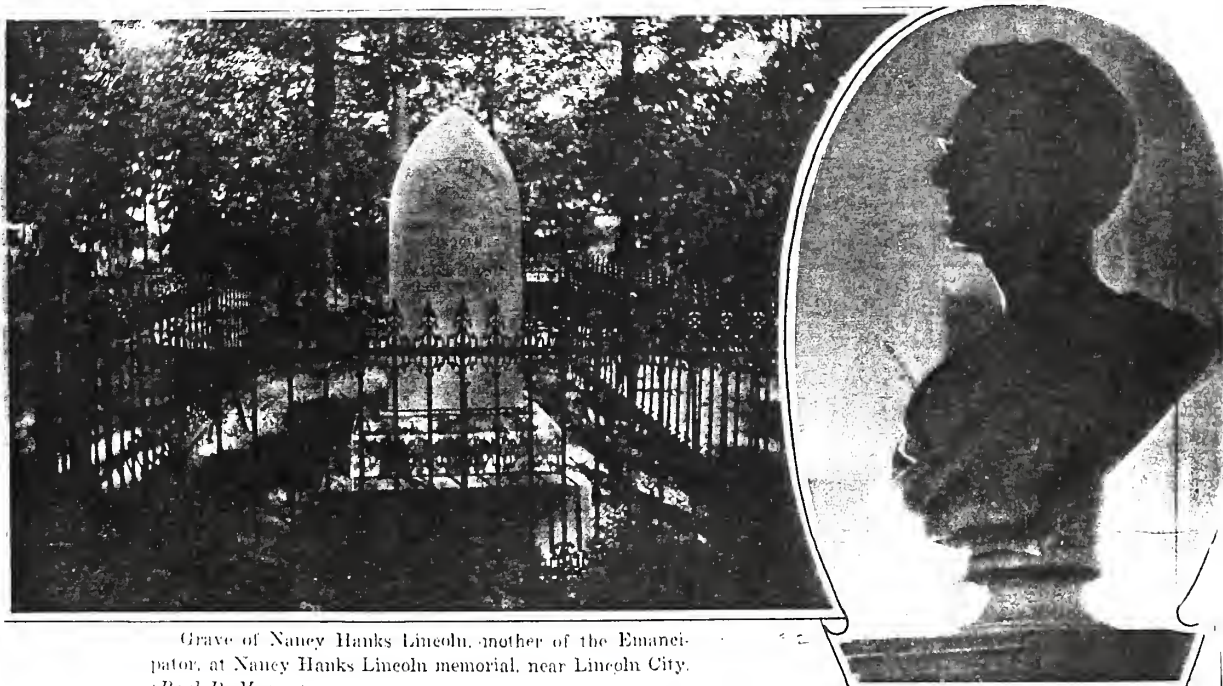
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NANCY HANKS LINCOLN AREA  
SKETCH SHOWING LAND IN THE LINCOLN AREA  
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SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA, MARCH 1931.

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- H Highway





Grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the Emancipator, at Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial, near Lincoln City.  
(Paul D. Myers.)

Lincoln bust, Shortridge high school.

**STATE HONORS MEMORY**

**Legislature Is Told Of Progress Of  
Gigantic Lincoln Memorial.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—(I.N.S.)

—More than 5,000 acres in Spencer County have been bought under the direction of the Lincoln Union, a commission of one-hundred-twenty-five members, who serve without pay to preserve the memories of the Civil War-time President.

This message was conveyed to the members of the House and Senate of the Seventy-ninth General Assembly here today, who paused midstream of a great flow of bills to pay tribute to the Spencer County pioneer-farm boy who became President of the United States.

The tract of land bought as a memorial to Lincoln over the past few years contains the 50 acres which were originally the farm of Thomas Lincoln, father of the martyred President. It includes the family burial plot where Nancy Hanks Lincoln, devoted mother of the immortal Lincoln lies buried. Members of the Lincoln Union left here today for a pil-

grimage to the memorial tract and will lay a wreath in honor of Lincoln.

With partisan politics buried for the moment the legislators joined here today in hearing Prof. A. L. Kohlmeier, of Indiana University, extol the simplicity and honesty of Lincoln.

It was disclosed also that the State Highway Commission has done all of the survey work on a Lincoln Highway, to be 300 feet wide and follow the route which Lincoln traversed across the Hoosier State. It will begin at Tobinsport, Perry County, and probably pass through Troy, Tell City, Santa Claus, Lincoln City, Gentryville, Petersburg and Vincennes. It will be a link in the proposed Lincoln Highway beginning at the birth place of the Civil War President at Hodginsville, Ky., and leading across Indiana to his burial place at Springfield, Ill.

Lincoln is daily assuming greater proportions in the lives of Indiana citizens, Mrs. Bess Ehrmann, in charge of the Rockport Pageant, said.

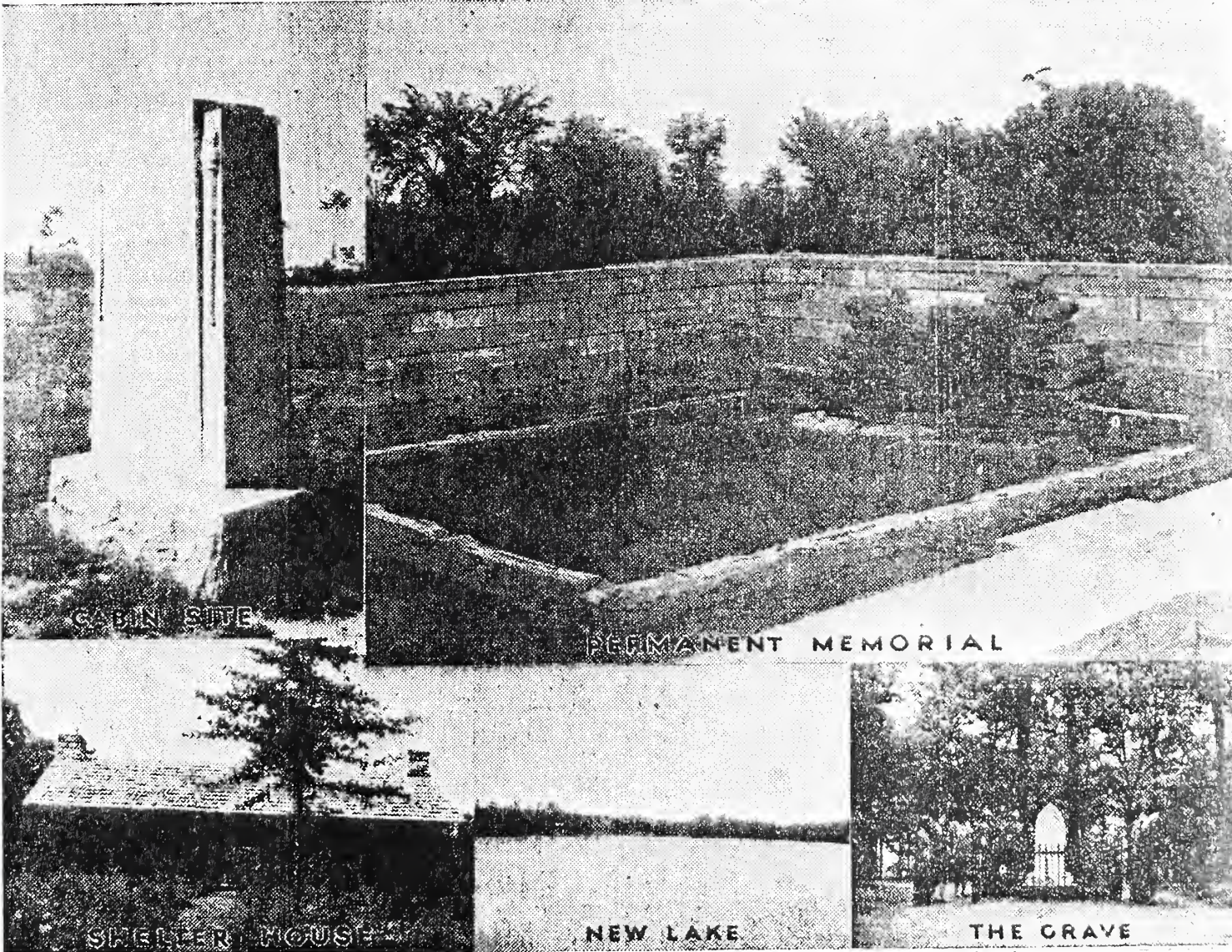
**Collection In Fort Wayne.**

Probably the largest private collection of Lincoln manuscripts and material pertaining to his life is now housed in Fort Wayne.

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Spencer County  
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Lincoln



# Lincoln Memorial and State Park



Amid the rolling hills of Spencer county, Indiana has established a memorial to Nancy Hanks Lincoln which draws thousands of tourists each year, with a state park which provides recreational opportunities for the visitors and the surrounding countryside.

The memorial area encompasses the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the site of the cabin in which the Thomas Lincoln family spent their years in Indiana. The grave, marked by a simple stone and protected by an iron fence, is approached from the highway by a formal allee. From the grave a path winds to a nearby hilltop where a permanent marker has been placed, bronze logs marking the site of the cabin. There are other historic spots in the vicinity, including the grave of Sarah Lincoln Grigsby. In the development of the memorial area the department of conservation has

had the assistance of the Indiana Lincoln union and other groups.

The state park, across the highway from the memorial area, serves many thousand visitors each year. Here the visitor finds an extensive picnic area, complete with tables, benches, outdoor fireplaces, shelter houses, a convenient supply of pure drinking water and other facilities for their use. An attractive lake, one of the improvements made by the CCC, adds to the setting and is being stocked with game fish with the plan of opening it to fishing in the near future.

There are several miles of trails in the park over which the hiker may wander, re-creating the setting of more than a century ago when the Lincoln family arrived in this community to establish a home in the forest.

There are 1,086 acres in the memorial area and the park.



STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
INDIANAPOLIS

*Commission*  
Ernest H. Atkins  
J. I. Holcomb  
Milton Matter  
William W. Roth



Hugh A. Barnhart  
*Director*

January 27, 1944.


Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

This is a special invitation to you to attend the annual pilgrimage to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial on February 12th, at which time a program will be rendered in the Abraham Lincoln Hall and the usual ceremonies will be conducted at the grave.

This year, for the first time, the Loyal Legion will participate in the program.

Sincerely,

  
Z. C. Sanderson  
Director of Research

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January 28, 1944

Mr. Z. C. Sanderson, Director  
Department of Conservation  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Mr. Sanderson:

I know that Dr. Warren would be very happy to attend the ceremonies which are to be held at the Nancy Hanks Memorial, February 12th, but he is now on his annual speaking itinerary and will not return until the latter part of March.

I will call your invitation to his attention upon his return to the office.

Very truly yours,

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Martha Brown, Sec'y.

Handing to you

Received from Mr. J. J. ...  
the sum of ...

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Very truly,  
Yours,

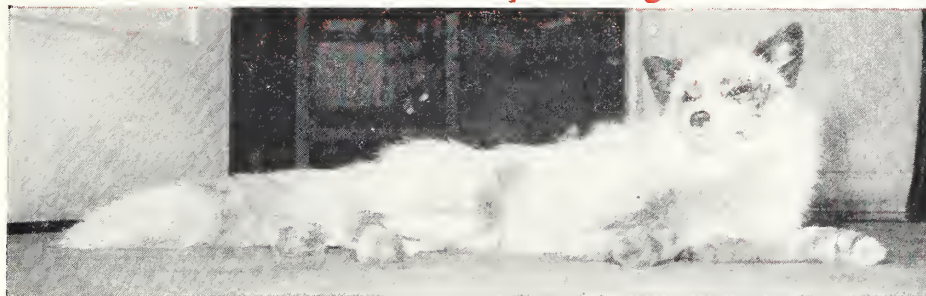
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## Fox Not Foxy Enough



**R**EYNARD, the fox shown here, is not playing 'possum. He has passed on to whatever reward such a barnyard marauder reaps after stopping a couple of pellets from shotguns in the hands of a party of hunters from the vicinity of Greenwood, Indiana.

Brought to the Fish and Game Division of the Indiana Department of Conservation for examination, the animal was pronounced one of the most perfect rare crosses between a red and black fox that Henry P. Cottingham, Director, ever has seen.

The animal's coat was a beautiful silver, creating the appearance of having been sprayed with a silver spray by means of a pressure gun. It was long

and heavy, a protection against the present severe winter weather. Such crosses are indeed rare, Cottingham opined.

Proving that he is no slouch when it comes to the matter of posing critters for the camera man, Cottingham propped the animal's head into a natural-looking position and placed the feet as though Mr. Fox was lying in the sun. Two pencils placed in strategic positions did the trick with the head.

The hunting party was composed of Jack McCain, Floyd Dougherty, Troy Dougherty, Bill Gerard, Allen Girard, Bob Lawrence, June Tendel and Lowell, Ezra and Earl Dougherty. The party thus far this year has ended the career of 33 foxes.

B. H.

## Annual Park Training Institute to Meet At Pokagon

The fifth annual Great Lakes Park Training Institute has designated Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park as the locale for the yearly training course in parks administration methods.

The course will get underway February 19 with a symposium combining schools, parks, youth agencies and conservation agencies. Methods and techniques of outdoor recreation will be studied also. The naturalist program, camping, excursions and leadership training will close the first day's program.

Following days' discussions will include the responsibilities of various governmental agencies in providing park and recreation services, labor saving methods, recreational facilities and the control of vandalism. The annual dinner

meeting will hear Joseph Prendergast, executive director of the National Recreation Association, discuss "Federal Regulations as They Apply to Parks."

Requests for reservations by those wishing to attend the annual institute may be made by writing the manager of Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park at Angola, Indiana, and enclosing a \$5 deposit. A copy of the reservation letter should be sent to Garrett G. Eppley, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Sponsors of the annual training institute are the American Institute of Park Executives, Indiana Department of Conservation, Illinois State Division of Parks and Memorials, Indiana Park and Recreation Association, Midwest Institute of Park Executives, both the Ohio and Michigan state conservation organizations and other midwest park associations.

## Annual Lincoln Day Program to be Held

With traditional dignity and simplicity, services honoring the memory of "The Great Emancipator," Abraham Lincoln, and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, will be held Sunday, February 11, at Lincoln Memorial.

Following the customary pattern, the program is scheduled to begin early in the afternoon when visitors will gather in Abraham Lincoln Hall for the presentation of the colors. Rev. R. L. Jacoby, pastor of the Hemenway Presbyterian Church of Boonville, will pronounce the invocation. After several musical numbers presented by the Boonville High School Band, under the direction of Herbert Beasley, and the Main Street Methodist Church Choir, directed by Joseph Campbell, those attending the Lincoln Day services will hear an address by Senator Homer Capehart.

A pilgrimage to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the Civil War President, follows. At the gravesite, a second invocation will be given and an original poem by Irvin E. Perigo recited. Wreath-laying ceremonies will be conducted by the Lafayette Spring Chapter, D. A. R., Tell City; Service Star Legion, Gresham Chapter, Evansville; Spier Spencer Chapter, D. A. R., Rockport; Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport; Disabled American Veterans, State Department; Disabled American Veterans, Ladies Auxiliary, State Department; Funkhouser Auxiliary of The American Legion, Evansville; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Indiana Department; American Gold Star Mothers; American Legion, State Department; American Legion, 8th District; Veterans of Foreign Wars, State Department; Boonville Press Club; Indiana Lincoln Union, Indiana Department of Conservation; American War Dads Auxiliary, Chapter No. 3, Evansville; Santa Claus Chamber of Commerce.

Charles R. Marshall, president of the Boonville Press Club, is chairman of this year's Lincoln Day program and the Boy Scouts of America, Dale Troop No. 201, will act as guides.



## Indiana Lakes

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All fishing in Lake Maxinkuckee is by sportsmen. This brings many dollars in license fees to the Division of Fish and Game as well as a good income to those who handle tackle, bait, etc.

The cottages around the lake are practically all family-owned, with only a few rented by the season. Very little out-of-state tourist trade uses cottages. However, several hotels cater to out-of-state business, including visitors to Culver Military Academy.

Practically no regulation is exercised over the waters of the lake that would be classed as water conservation. The recreational value of the lake is great, as practically all water and ice sports are in vogue there. Swimming, boating, and sailing are usual summer sports, and ice-boating, skating and ice fishing are the winter sports.

## White River Beware — Your Wires Are Tapped

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report the reading. Oftentimes this reading would be received too late to assist the weather man in his predictions of flood stages Indianapolis could expect. In an effort to remedy this situation he was successful in obtaining an instrument known as a "Telemark," devised to transmit by code, the stage of a river in feet, tenths and hundredths accurate to 1/100th of a foot. No funds, however, were provided for its installation, and since the amount was an appreciable figure in terms of annual operating budgets of the Weather Bureau and the Survey, the need of outside assistance was again apparent.

It so happened that the low-flow periods during the late summers of 1949 and 1950 caused the Indiana State Board of Health, the Indianapolis Water Company, and the Ball Brothers Company of Noblesville, a paper-making industry, all to become vitally concerned over the quantity of waste products discharged into the river to be passed on downstream. It was obvious that some regulatory measures had to be worked out. Conferences were held, negotiations made and agreements reached which limited the amount of waste that could be discharged into the river to a given volume of water. As the river flow increased, the discharge of waste could be increased; and when the river flow diminished, the discharge of effluent could like-

wise be reduced. The prosecution of this formula would have been simple had the flow at Noblesville remained relatively constant from day to day, but this was not so. River stages recorded since 1946 showed at certain times each year, particularly when the river flow was extremely low, that the volume would change drastically and rather suddenly during the course of a day or even an hour. The method of transmitting manually-observed readings was too slow to provide accurate computations abreast with changes in river flow. Other means of operation had to be employed. The Weather Bureau's Telemark was the answer. Ball Brothers Company of Noblesville accepted the financial responsibility of its installation and made final arrangements with the telephone company for that purpose. Thus, on December 1, 1950, through the splendid cooperation of federal and state agencies combined with utilities and industry all sharing the costs in accordance with the benefits derived, you, White river, officially joined the network of millions of telephone users.

**In this pylon-like structure on the banks of White river in Noblesville are housed the instruments by means of which Old Man River is forced to give up his secrets through the medium of electrical instruments.**



## So Many Days Daze Uncle Jim But Valentine Day Is Tops

(Continued from Page 14)

There's a face that lingers near me  
Through the swiftly passing days;  
'Tis the face upon whose glories  
I first fixed my infant gaze.  
It has changed with passing seasons  
But Time's hand can ne'er erase  
From my mind the charms and graces  
Which adorned my Mother's face.

Though 'tis true that she who bore it  
Treads no more the paths of men,  
Yet the face which watched my cradle  
Is as near me now as then.  
I can see its smiles and teardrops,  
And my yearning eye can trace  
All those lines of care and worry  
Which Time stamp'd on Mother's face.

I have seen it in the daytime,  
I have seen it in the night.  
In the hour of sore temptation  
It has saved me for the right.  
And when sorrow brings its heartache  
And I need consoling grace,  
There's no earthly power can help me  
Like a glimpse of Mother's face.

There are pictures drawn by masters,  
There are priceless works of art;  
There are galleries whose riches  
Fill with joy the traveler's heart.  
But to my own way of thinking,  
There is on this earth no place  
That holds half the art and beauty  
That I find in Mother's face.

And I sometimes sit in silence  
When the evening shadows fall;  
And earth's sound grows still as echoes  
Faintly heard in Memory's hall.  
Dreaming that when life is ended  
And I'm resting from the race  
In that land that knows no sunset  
I shall see my Mother's face.

Well, I gotta go now. Gotta sweep off the snow from the front walk an' the stoop. I might have a Valentine in the mail box. Hope you didn't fergit to mail yours.

UNCLE JIM.

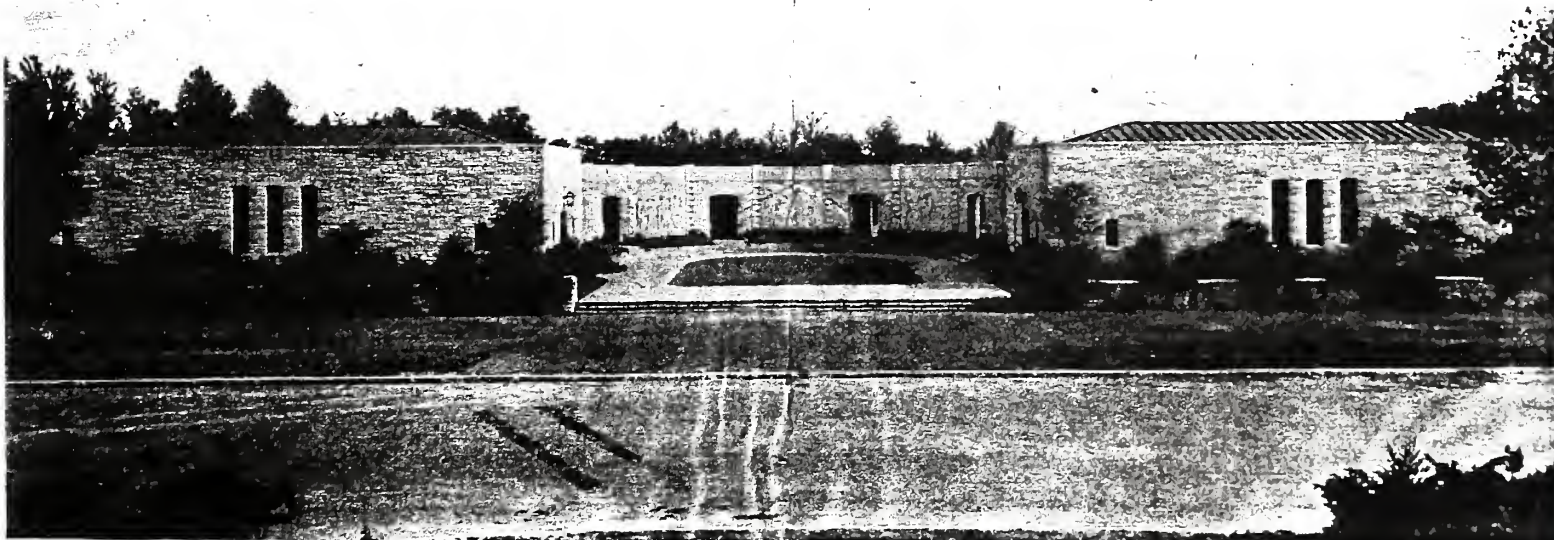


HOOSIER STATE PARKS

# LINCOLN

By RICHARD S. SIMONS

Ind. St. 110 S. 110  
July 6, 1952



➔ This shrine, dedicated to Nancy Hanks Lincoln and her President son, is the outstanding feature of the state's Lincoln development.

**I**NCREASING NUMBERS of visitors—35 per cent more last year than three years earlier—are discovering the beauties of Lincoln State Park and the awe and inspiration of the adjoining Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial.

The state has set aside more than 1,500 acres of the southwestern Indiana hill country Lincoln roamed as a boy and developed it into both an outstanding playground and a shrine set against the area's rich historical background.

The park offers an opportunity for thorough outdoor enjoyment. An 85-acre artificial lake draws swimmers from a wide area and the well-stocked waters are a joy to fishermen. Boating also is available.

AMPLE PLAYGROUND equipment pleases the sandpile set as completely as the picnic facilities please their elders. Ten miles of winding trails give the hiker fresh air, sunshine and relaxation.

The adjoining memorial centers about the simply marked hillside grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the President, who died in 1818, two years after the Lincolns had come to Indiana to make their home.

The shrine, dedicated in 1943, consists of two buildings, Abraham Lincoln Hall and Nancy Hanks Hall, both of native limestone and sandstone.

A CLOISTER connects the two, transforming them into a single unit. Five sculptured panels, 13½ by 8 feet, line the court between the halls. Each represents an important phase of Lincoln's life.

Furnishings of the buildings are of the Lincoln period, impressive in their simplicity and awe-inspiring in their historical relationships.

A long, rising sweep of beautifully landscaped greenery connects the shrine with the path that plunges into the woods and winds away toward the Nancy Hanks Lincoln grave and the family cabin site.

The Lincoln Memorial Union, leader in the effort to build a suitable shrine to the Lincoln family, has reconstructed the fireplace and foundation in metal. Only the shrewdest observer can discern that it is not of wood.

BEYOND THE cabin site, the historic trail of stones winds through the

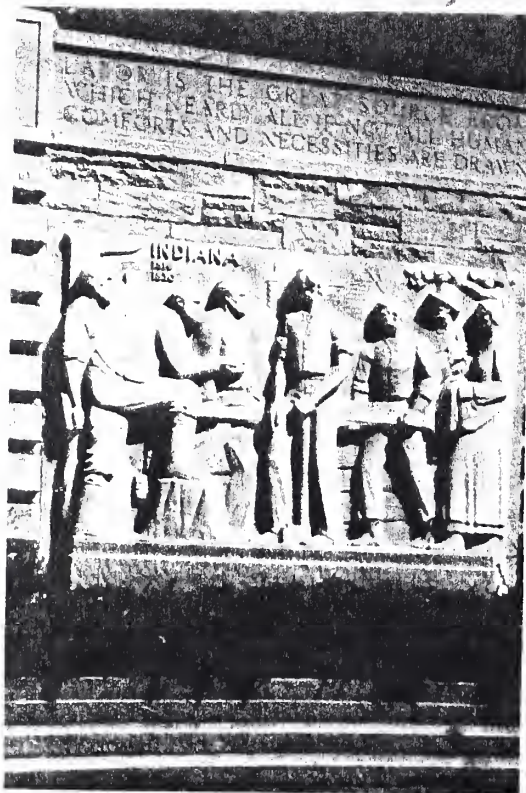
memorial. It tells, by the unique use of stones taken from buildings closely associated with Lincoln's life, the story of the President from his birth in Kentucky to his burial at Springfield, Ill.

Other points of interest in the vicinity include Seales Lake State Beach and Fish Hatchery at Boonville, Pike County State Forest near Winslow, Ferdinand State Forest and Fish Hatchery and the Academy of the Immaculate Conception at Ferdinand and the world-famous Santa Claus postoffice. St. Meinrad Abbey, high atop a Spencer County hill, is 14 miles east of Lincoln Park.

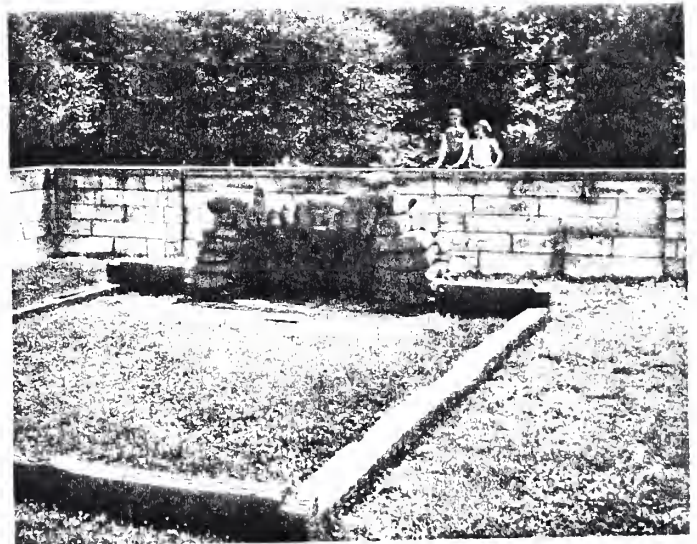
Other Lincoln memorials in the vicinity are the reconstructed pioneer village at Rockport and the Lincoln Ferry Park near Troy.

**T**O REACH Lincoln State Park from central Indiana, follow Ind. 37 to Bloomington; Ind. 45 south to Ind. 345 near Dale and Ind. 345 to the park.

An alternate return route is over Ind. 162 to U.S. 460 and east on 460 to Ind. 37 which leads north to Paoli, Bedford, Bloomington and Indianapolis. ★ ★ ★

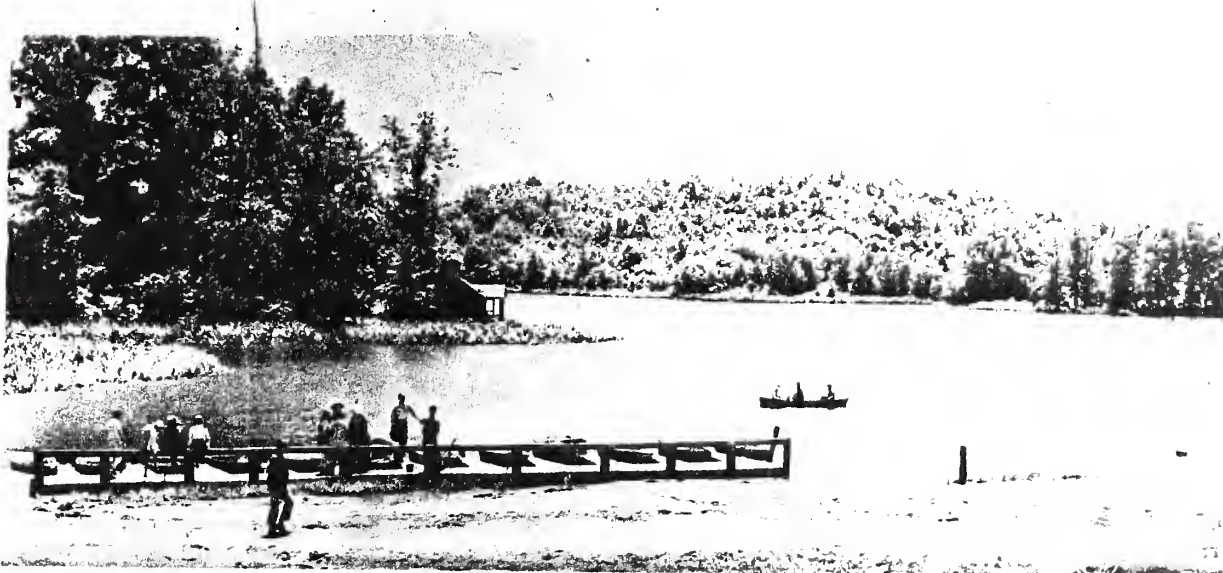


The Indiana panel at the Lincoln Memorial is one of five depicting the President's life.



Fireplace and foundation of the Lincoln cabin, expertly done in bronze, simulate wood and stone of the original.





The 85-acre artificial lake in Lincoln State Park, enlarged from its original size of 30 acres, lies against a background of green, wooded hills. In addition to boating, there are facilities for swimming and fishing.

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L I N C O L N    THE MAN OF THE HOUR

When the Norn Mother saw the Whirlwind Hour  
Greatening and darkening as it hurried on,  
She left the Heaven of Heroes and came down  
To make a man to meet the mortal need.  
She took the tried clay of the common road -  
Clay warm yet with the genial heat of earth,  
Dasht thru it all a strain of prophecy,  
Tempered the heap with a thrill of human tears,  
Then mixt a laughter with the serious stuff.  
Into the shape she breathed a flame to light  
That tender, tragic, ever - changing face;  
And laid on him a sense of the Mystic Powers,  
Moving - all husht - behind the mortal vail.  
Here was a man to hold against the world,  
A man to match the mountains and the sea.

Sprung from the West,  
He drank the valorous youth of a new world.  
The strength of virgin forests braced his mind,  
The hush of spacious prairies stilled his soul.  
His words were oaks in acorns, and his thoughts  
Were roots that firmly gript the granite truth.

Up from log cabin to the Capitol,  
One fire was on his spirit, one resolve  
To send the keen ax to the root of wrong,  
Clearing a free way for the feet of God,  
The eyes of conscience testing every stroke,  
To make his deed the measure of a man.  
He built the rail-pile as he built the State,  
Pouring his rugged strength thru every blow;  
The grip that swung the ax in Illinois  
Was on the pen that set a people free.

The color of the ground was in him, the red earth,  
The smack and tang of elemental things;  
The rectitude and patience of the cliff,  
The good-will of the rain that loves all leaves,  
The friendly welcome of the wayside well,  
The courage of the bird that dares the sea,  
The gladness of the wind that shakes the corn,  
The pity of the snow that hides all scars,  
The secrecy of streams that make their way  
Under the mountain to the rifted rock,  
The tolerance and equity of light  
That gives as freely to the shrinking flower  
As to the great oak flaring to the wind -  
To the grave's low hill as to the Matterhorn  
That shoulders out the sky.

So came the Captain with the mighty heart,  
And when the judgment thunders split the house,  
Wrenching the rafters from their ancient rest,  
He held the ridgepole up, and spikd again  
The rafters of the Home. He held his place,  
Held the long purpose like a growing tree -  
Held on thru blame and faltered not at praise -  
Held on in calm, rough-hewn sublimity.  
And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down  
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,  
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills, -  
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

Edwin Markham



# Rambling 'Round

**THIS YEAR**, after the stress and stringencies of war, there will be many pilgrimages to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City, Spencer County.

It will be a fitting tribute, long delayed, to lift the brooding spirits of Abe Lincoln, who lived there in his youth, and of his mother, who died there at the age of 35 and sleeps in an area almost as primitive as it was when she struggled to rear her brood in a log cabin in the wildwood near her grave.

The corner stone of the shrine was laid May 20, 1941, and in the principal address that day Henry F. Schricker, then Governor, said:

"We are erecting a memorial to those great and simple virtues of Abraham Lincoln: Love of home, love of country and love of God. Surely we may feel that we are on sacred ground. It contains the mortal remains of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and it was pressed for 14 years by the bare feet of Abraham Lincoln. From it grew the bread that formed his bones as a growing boy.

"Surely we may feel that we are in spirit associating here with Nancy Hanks and Abraham Lincoln. We are erecting here a shrine to motherhood and to the family hearthstone. We are memorializing democracy and religion. Here we pledge ourselves anew to freedom and union, to the cause of popular government and the American way of life, and refresh ourselves anew with the principles of life that formed our pioneers."

**THE GROUND PLAN** of the area between the new memorial buildings and Nancy Hanks's grave was developed by the Indiana Lincoln Union.

The plaza which provides the immediate foreground of the memorial is 300 feet long and 200 feet wide. The alley, extending from the north side of the plaza to the base of the hill where the Nancy Hanks grave is located, is about 370 feet long and 60 feet wide.

The memorial consists of a central feature, a small hall for public meetings and a public lounge for the convenience and comfort of visitors. Abraham Lincoln Hall is finished in kiln-dried walnut, tulip poplar and cherry. The interior walls are of Indiana St. Meinrad sandstone with a cherry wood wainscot. The pew-type seats are of native yellow poplar and cherry, and the ceiling is of heavy hand-hewn trusses.

Nancy Hanks Hall, which is of similar construction, has a large, stone-arched fireplace flanked by wood seats under the windows. Among the furnishings are a large table, chairs, wood benches of cherry and a large rug of hand-braided wool.

The cloister embraces the southern half of



the memorial court, with which it connects with the four stone-arched doorways that alternate with memorial panels. The lawn, called the concourse, lies just north of a site selected for an outdoor amphitheater to be developed later. The panels depict events in Lincoln's life in Kentucky, where he was born; Indiana, Illinois and the nation's capital. They will be studied long and carefully by visitors.

The stonework in and around the memorial is one of the kind used when the Lincolns lived in Indiana. This is also true of the native timber and lumber.

**THE BEAUTIFUL** memorial marks the fruition of years of labor since Dec. 22, 1926, when former Governor Ed Jackson declared in a proclamation: "We will proceed to pay off a debt of long standing to the greatest American whose life in the formative stage of his youth was spent in Indiana."

He also paid tribute to the Hoosier pioneers and declared that the memorial would become "a shrine for future generations of our country to renew their allegiance to democracy and to the pioneer virtues."

J. I. Holcomb, president of Indiana Lincoln Union, in announcing completion of the memorial, states:

"In 1926 the union was organized . . . and from that year to the present the work has continued with the active co-operation and assistance of the Indiana Department of Conservation. Many of the members of this Union have passed away, among them Richard Leiber, to whom we wish to pay tribute for his constancy, his vision, his insistence on historical accuracy and his unselfish devotion to this project. We hope that this sanctuary will prove of interest to all Americans throughout the coming years and that the life and principles of Abraham Lincoln, as expressed in various forms throughout the memorial grounds, will prove to be an inspiration to all."

**LANDSCAPING** is still in progress about the memorial and a brick border is yet to be completed around the flower garden in front of the buildings.

The park consists of 1,756 acres. There is a lake of 83 acres stocked with bass, crappies and other fish. There are seven miles of trails winding through picnic, camping and recreation areas with their shelter houses, ovens, pure drinking water and sanitary facilities. The memorial area, the park and the surrounding community are rich in Lincoln tradition.

There remains the building of the Lincoln Memorial Way over the route the Lincolns took in coming to Indiana from Kentucky in 1816 and in going to Vincennes and across the Wabash to Illinois in 1830. This road will be a big factor, as Mr. Holcomb points out, in linking Hodgenville, Ky., where Lincoln was born; Lincoln City, where he passed his youth, and Springfield, where he is buried.

*Grandview Monitor*

# LOG CABIN FOR LINCOLN PARK

*Aug 4*  
The State has purchased a log cabin of William Hartloff, which is located on his farm in Clay township, not far from Lincoln City. The cabin is over one hundred years old and will be razed and later rebuilt in the Nancy Hanks Lincoln State Park.

In Lincoln's boyhood and during his residence in Spencer county, meetings were held in the cabin, including church services, which meetings, it is said, Lincoln attended.

The cabin is of the true pioneer type with stick chimney. The land surrounding the cabin had been in the possession of the Varner family, pioneers of Spencer county, for several generations.

Hartloff, the present owner of the land, lived in the cabin for three years.—Rockport Journal.



# True Lincoln Home Trail to be Built by Indiana Declares Governor M'Cray

(Special to The Sunday Journal.)  
Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—Governor Warren T. McCray promises that Indiana will build the true Lincoln Home trail.

This is a victory for the countless lovers of Lincoln throughout the nation who were aroused by the decision of the state highway commission to route the improved road under construction between French Lick and Evansville, a mile and a half from Lincoln park.

Governor McCray announced his purpose to have the improved road routed past the Lincoln park to Dr. William E. Barton, the special writer for The Sunday Journal, Lincoln student and author of the works of Lincoln's life.

Dr. Barton interviewed the governor after making a personal inspection of the true Lincoln Home trail route and the route favored by Grant Johnson, road superintendent, along which Johnson has two farms.

"I am convinced," said Dr. Barton, after this survey, "that diversion of this highway from the Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial park is an affront to every admirer of Lincoln everywhere."

## Petitions Stacked High.

Governor McCray told Dr. Barton he had arrived at the same conclusion. Stacked high in his office are appeals and petitions from people everywhere, protesting against the substitute road and appealing for the true Lincoln Home trail.

After Dr. Barton spoke to the governor of the high motives that have actuated readers of The Sunday Journal and others who have sent in this petition, the governor said:

"Your eloquent appeal makes me certain that the state of Indiana would stand eternally disgraced if the road should be routed away from the tomb of Lincoln's sainted mother, which stands in Lincoln park.

"You may tell the Lincoln lovers of America that the governor of Indiana will fight to the last ditch any attempt to deprive them of their right of easy access to Indiana's most sacred spot."

Dr. Barton expressed the opinion that the Lincoln route and the substitute route were practically the same length and the cost of building would be about the same.

"Expense and distance mean nothing to me," said the governor emphatically. "This is a matter of national importance and the nation stands to gain by any extra expense Indiana might have to bear."

McCray called Dr. Barton's attention

to the fact that he had been in office only a few weeks and had had many other matters to consider.

"But now I have the facts and my mind is made up," said the governor. "I will recommend to the state highway commission immediately that they route the highway over the Lincoln Home trail, and my recommendation will be enough."

## Thanks People of Nation.

"I am glad that the people of the nation helped me to understand the importance of the matter. I don't know and don't care a whoop for what happened before I became governor, but I do know this—I have the power to route that road, and I will."

"The road will follow the true Lincoln Home trail."

When the improved highway is constructed, according to the governor's promise, it will take patriotic pilgrims directly to the old Lincoln farm where the martyred president spent his boyhood.

Here are the Lincoln homesite, the tomb of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the grave of Lincoln's sister and Pigeon church, which Lincoln attended.

## INDIANA'S SLOW AWAKENING TO HER SHARE IN LINCOLN'S FAME

The attached discussion is part of an article on Abraham Lincoln telling of his life in Indiana, written by David J. Day, for the Indiana historical commission for use in a publication by the commission.

[By David J. Day]

**T**HE PEOPLE of Indiana should enter with especial enthusiasm into the celebration of the birthday of Lincoln since in his philosophy, his manners, his attitude toward the problems of life the tall rail splitter statesman was essentially a Hoosier. Born in Kentucky, ripened to the fullness of power in Illinois, he still bore unmistakably the impress of the fourteen years of his youth spent among the hills of southern Indiana.

What would Lincoln see should he be privileged to revisit the scenes of his Indiana boyhood? A little village called Lincoln City has grown up on the old Thomas Lincoln farm. The Southern railway, running from West Baden to Evansville, crosses the old place. At Lincoln City two branch lines of the Southern railway run away in a southerly direction, one to Rockport, the county seat of Spencer county, the other to Cannelton, the county seat of Perry county. All the virgin forest of his day is gone. The old hills have been allowed to wash until the "clay points" are in evidence everywhere. The people there, many of them descendants of his neighbors, are the same hospitable, good-natured folk their forefathers were.

### Could Still Feel at Home.

Distant relatives, descendants of Thomas Lincoln's brothers, are still in that part of the state, among whom might be mentioned the Hon. Edmund Lincoln, until recently prosecuting attorney of Spencer and Perry counties. While things have vastly changed since the Lincolns moved to Illinois, ninety-three years ago, still there is enough of the old blood, the old manners, the old customs in Spencer county, to make Abraham Lincoln feel immensely at home!

What has Indiana done to memorialize the fact that it produced Abraham Lincoln, the most wonderful Hoosier of all time?

As a state, we can not boast of doing things in honor of Lincoln on the same magnificent scale as they have been doing in Kentucky and Illinois. For a long, long time, Indiana people did not seem to grasp the full meaning of Lincoln, the Hoosier. Even the people of Spencer county—that land overflowing with Lincoln legends and traditions—looked ap-

parently unashamed for generations upon the pitiful spectacle of the mother of the greatest of all Americans lying in a neglected, unmarked grave in an ordinary woods pasture!

### Log Cabin Disappears.

For more than fifty years the log cabin home of Abraham Lincoln was allowed to house farm implements and all sorts of junk and at last disappeared, possibly to be sold in pieces as souvenirs!

Finally the people of Indiana awakened to the fact that one of America's sweetest shrines of patriotism was being at the same time desecrated and neglected. Since that awakening we have seen some things done in the way of suitably honoring the Lincoln of Indiana.

In 1879, P. B. Studebaker erected a marble slab at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and citizens of Rockport inclosed it with an iron railing. Later a state park was provided with driveways, beautiful entrance, auditorium and a larger monument was placed at the grave. This park grew out of the efforts of an association and is now controlled by a park board appointed by the Governor of Indiana.

On the site of the Lincoln cabin and across the railway from the park is a small marker erected by public contributions, largely from school children. This is all Indiana has done to beautify and render famous this, the spot where Lincoln lived and prepared himself for a career of greatness.

The grave of Sarah Lincoln in Old Pigeon graveyard has been marked with a splendid monument. The opening of the stone on the site of the cabin and the unveiling of the Sarah Lincoln Grigsby monument were all occasions of great impressiveness and ceremony.

### Indiana's Heritage.

We, of old Hoosier stock, who love Lincoln and the large things he lived for who are feeling more and more assured as time goes on that Indiana will awaken soon to the realization of the wonderful heritage that is peculiarly its own in the wonderful life that Lincoln lived. When that day comes we shall see on the old Lincoln farm erected a memorial which shall bear evidence ages hence that all Hoosiers loved and desired to honor the greatest Hoosier the world has known.

The Indiana Lincoln Memorial Association conceived in the big humanitarian mind of the late Dr. Frank B. Wynn, is an organization working faithfully toward an objective, eminently worthy and worthwhile. Dr. Wynn was the first president of the association and after his death the leadership was undertaken by another widely known and deeply loved Hoosier, Senator William A. Guthrie, of Indianapolis.

The directors of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Association are William A. Guthrie, Kate Milner Rabb, Harry W. Glossbrenner, Laura Fletcher Hodges, Charles W. Moores and John W. Oliver,

of Indianapolis; Harlow Lindley, of Bloomington; Claude G. Bowers, of Ft. Wayne; Thomas J. de Lellunt, of Cannelton; L. N. Hines, of Terre Haute; Will A. Hough, of Greenfield; John C. Shirk, of Brookville, and Jesse Weik, of Greencastle. In the work of securing for memorial purposes the old Lincoln farm, the Indiana Real Estate Board, through its secretary, Joseph Schmid, of Indianapolis, is unselfishly co-operating.

On October 24, 1922, the members of the board of directors of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Association journeyed by automobile to Lincoln City and were met at that place by a large gathering of men and women, many of whom were descendants of the friends and playmates of Abraham Lincoln.

### An Impressive Assemblage.

The meeting was called to order in the Lincoln City schoolhouse which stands within fifty feet of the site of the Lincoln cabin. The meeting was presided over by Senator Guthrie and speeches were made dwelling upon the life of the martyred President and the pride all Hoosiers would feel in a memorial comparing favorably with the tributes of stone already erected by Illinois and Kentucky.

The sun was just setting over the western hills and the audience adjourned to the site of the old cabin outside and encircling the little marble marker, stood in silence as the sun went down. Few were the dry eyes in all that assemblage.

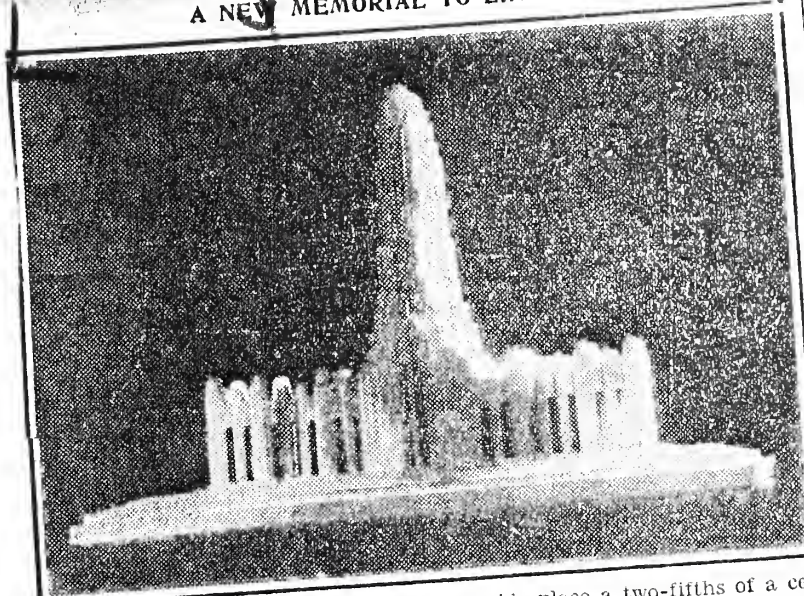
Lincoln, tall, ungainly, Hoosier backwoodsman, you went forth with all the brilliancy of mind, all the ruggedness of body, all the strength of character that Indiana has ever hoped to see in all her sons! For a long stretch of years the people who trained you for your mighty task have been seeing you through a glass darkly. We are now being enabled to see you and your greatness with a clear vision. The struggle of which your tall form was the central figure is fading into distance, the wounds are forgotten and peace has crept back into the hearts of men.

And with this coming of a sweeter era, Indiana is coming to the work of turning Lincoln's Indiana home from the most neglected spot in America to the most popular shrine of American patriotism.



## A NEW MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN.

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Construction of a memorial in honor of Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, on the old Lincoln homestead near Lincoln City, Ind., awaits only the passage of an act by the Indiana general assembly. The Indiana Lincoln Union, organized four years ago, raised sufficient money through gifts to enlarge the memorial park to 360 acres, which includes the former Lincoln farm. The legislative committee of the Lincoln union recommended the general assembly place a two-fifths of a cent tax on each \$100 in taxables, operative for two years, which it is hoped will produce \$400,000, to be spent only on the memorial building. According to J. I. Holcomb, Indianapolis business executive, and chairman of the building committee, the Lincoln union proposes to use Bedford stone and all native materials in the memorial structure. The building is 140 feet by 60 feet and the tower will rise 160 feet. The building will house a Lincoln museum.

# INDIANA LINCOLN UNION BEGINS CAMPAIGN FOR MEMORIAL FUND

**Plans Call for \$1,265,000 National Shrine Marking  
Grave of Mother of Martyred Civil War  
President in Spencer County.**

A full page of photographs of the Lincoln memorial structure, to be part of the shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln in Spencer county, will be found on the front page of the alcogravure section of The Star today.

With detailed plans for the memorial structure which is to be the central figure in the \$1,265,000 national shrine definitely adopted, members of the Indiana Lincoln Union feel that the shrine has taken definite form and are turning their energies toward a state-wide campaign to obtain funds for the project.

The building, plans for which have been completed by Thomas Hibben, local architect, is to be of a simple type of architecture, sufficiently large to shelter 4,000 persons and conveniences with a set of huge chimneys placed in a 150-foot tower and an immense pipe organ.

Plans have been completed for landscaping the tract of about one hundred acres of land, seventy acres of which surrounding the grave already are owned by the state and about thirty more to be purchased as a part of the memorial, to include the Lincoln site. These plans also provide for a wooded drive from the main state highway to the park, a huge flagpole in the park, a small body of water and the necessary woodlands to complete the tract.

## RAILROAD TO MOVE.

This will necessitate removal of a portion of a railway, changing the route of a state highway and probable removal of a number of structures which are a part of the town of Lincoln City, and which now stand in the area to be acquired.

The Indiana Lincoln Union was formed several months ago when Governor Ed Jackson named about one hundred and twenty-five representative persons throughout the state as members of the union and also selected an executive committee on which are numbered nationally prominent figures.

In commenting upon plans for the memorial structure, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, president of the union, said yesterday that Mr. Hibben "has caught and interpreted the spirit of Lincoln" and the proposed building will fit admirably into the memorial project at Lincoln City.

Mr. Hibben's plans call for a structure 200 feet square, in the form of a series of four quadrangular courts which are to surround a main cañillon tower with a height of about one hundred and fifty feet. These courts are bounded by open cloisters which connect through axial pylons and within each court is to be a pool with flowers and ivy on the wall.

"That which we have sought to create," according to a statement from Mr. Hibben, "is a symbol of that great power and gentleness that is Abraham Lincoln, such gentleness as is not negative, but infinite and human; such power as is the nobility of strength, the understanding of all humanity in its reality, the tolerance and kindness that leads this humanity forward to a higher level of ex-

## LOW RELIEF SCULPTURE.

Above the arches of the cloisters, there will be a band of low relief sculpture, which takes its definition out of the natural structure of the walls and in which is to be portrayed the birth and development of a race. The vaulted ceilings and walls of the cloister are treated with frescoes. "Through the arches of these cloisters are countless vistas of the other courts, of the pools and of the tower which rises about a hundred and fifty feet above them," the architect said.

"The tower is pierced with long ver-

tical openings and within hang great chimneys that, when played, will fill the whole surrounding area with music and fall like a benediction on all within. Under the chimneys is placed an organ for those occasions of celebrating in music the memory which we hear symbolized. On each side of the tower is an inclosed hall with high clear windows lighting it from both sides and on the walls and ceiling are mural paintings in character with the building. There is provision for rest rooms and a small restaurant. The whole group which is about two hundred feet in each direction and of sufficient size to care for about two thousand people within the sheltered portions and an additional two thousand in the courts, is so arranged that large groups of people may come here and in the peace and gentle beauty it is our hope to create, receive new inspiration from its contact."

Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee of the Lincoln Union, said when the plans were announced:

"What is needed in this country and in the world is a more sympathetic understanding of one another's problems. The degree of success of a civilization is commensurate with the degree of tolerance that it instills in one group or class for the views and rights of another.

## YEARNING FOR HONESTY.

"In the reawakening appreciation of the life and soul of Abraham Lincoln we interpret the spirit of tolerance marching through the land—a yearning on the part of the people for the honesty, directness and tolerance that Lincoln personified. We see it as a part of a more significant movement toward a greater vision, a broader understanding of the fundamental truths and high ideals on which a successful civilization must rest.

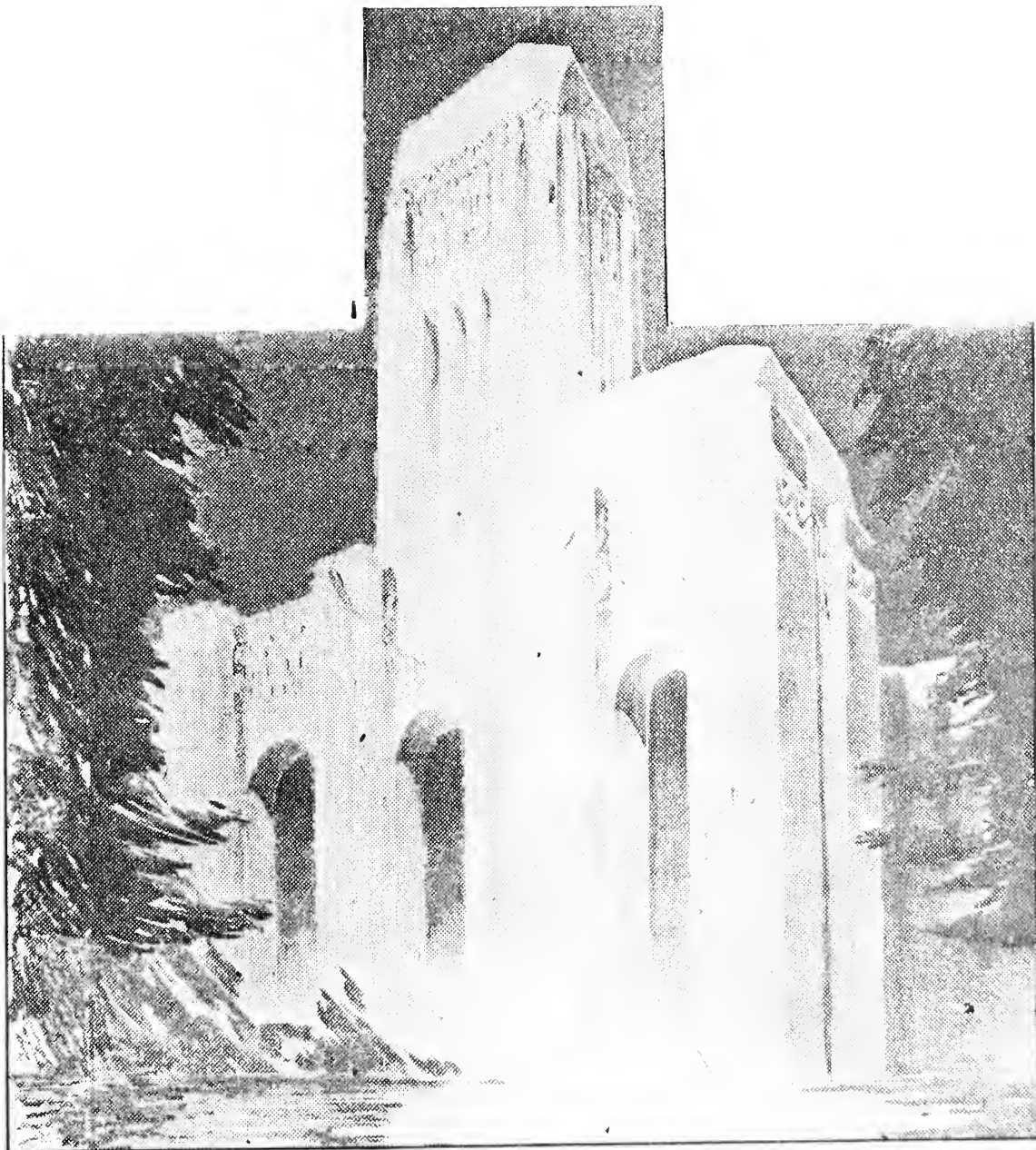
"In preparing the plans for the monumental testimonial of our devotion and admiration, Mr. Hibben sought to understand the great spirit of Lincoln which seems so familiar and so humanely near and which at the same time is so difficult to define. We felt that he has met with unusual success in his attempt, and the building he has suggested becomes an appropriate part of the Indiana memorial to Lincoln. Called for by a group of Indians proud of the name, projected by an Indiana architect and to be built out of Indiana material, the proposed building is unique in its expression and should be a significant contribution to the future generations for the spiritual advancement of mankind."

Other officers of the union are Will H. Hayes of New York, and Mrs. John W. Kern of Indianapolis, vice presidents; Thomas Taggart of French Lick, treasurer, and Stanley Coulter, secretary. Members of the executive committee besides the Governor and officers are Frederic M. Ayers, Charles A. Greathouse and J. Irving Holcomb of Indianapolis; Marcus Sonntag of Evansville; Mrs. James P. Goodrich of Winchester; Arthur F. Hall of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan of Gary; Mrs. H. B. Wilson of Delphi, and Mrs. A. D. Cook of Lawrenceburg.

The campaign for funds will be carried on in three sections of the state successively, beginning with southern Indiana, where the work has already begun. Mr. Sonntag is chairman of the southern Indiana campaign, and Frank Bell of Muncie is chairman of the state campaign committee.



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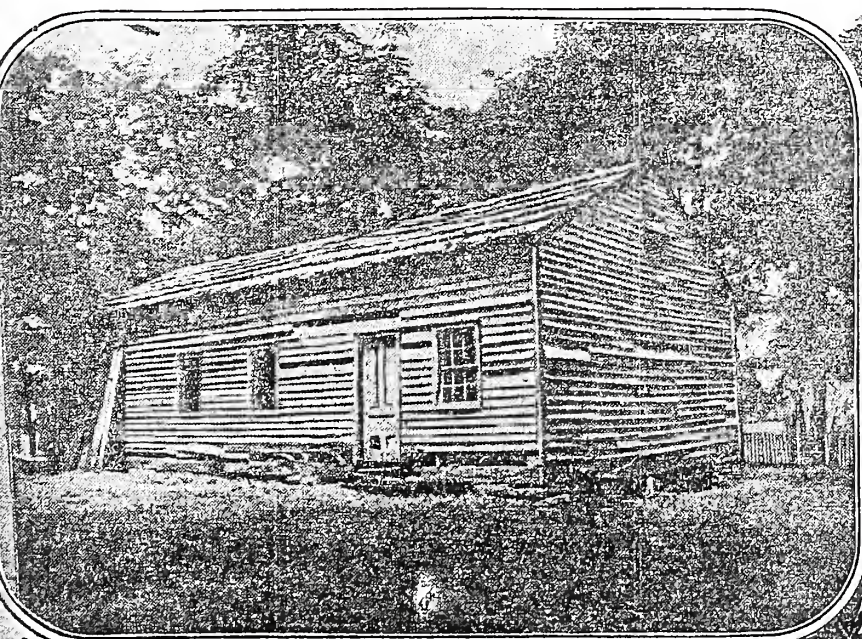


Proposed Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City, Ind., Honoring Nancy Hanks and Abraham Lincoln.

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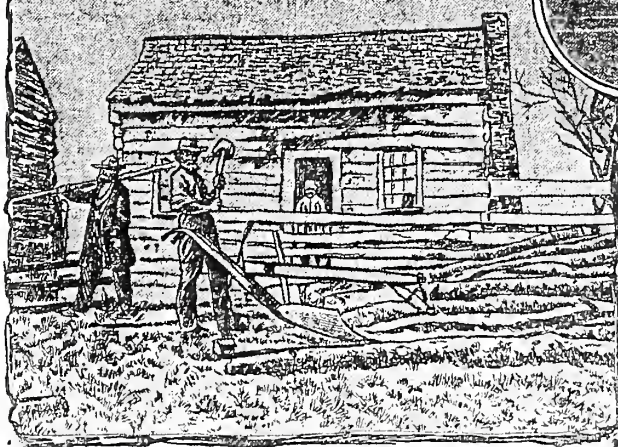
BRACKENRIDGE HOME IN WARRICK COUNTY, WHERE LINCOLN SPENT MANY HOURS READING



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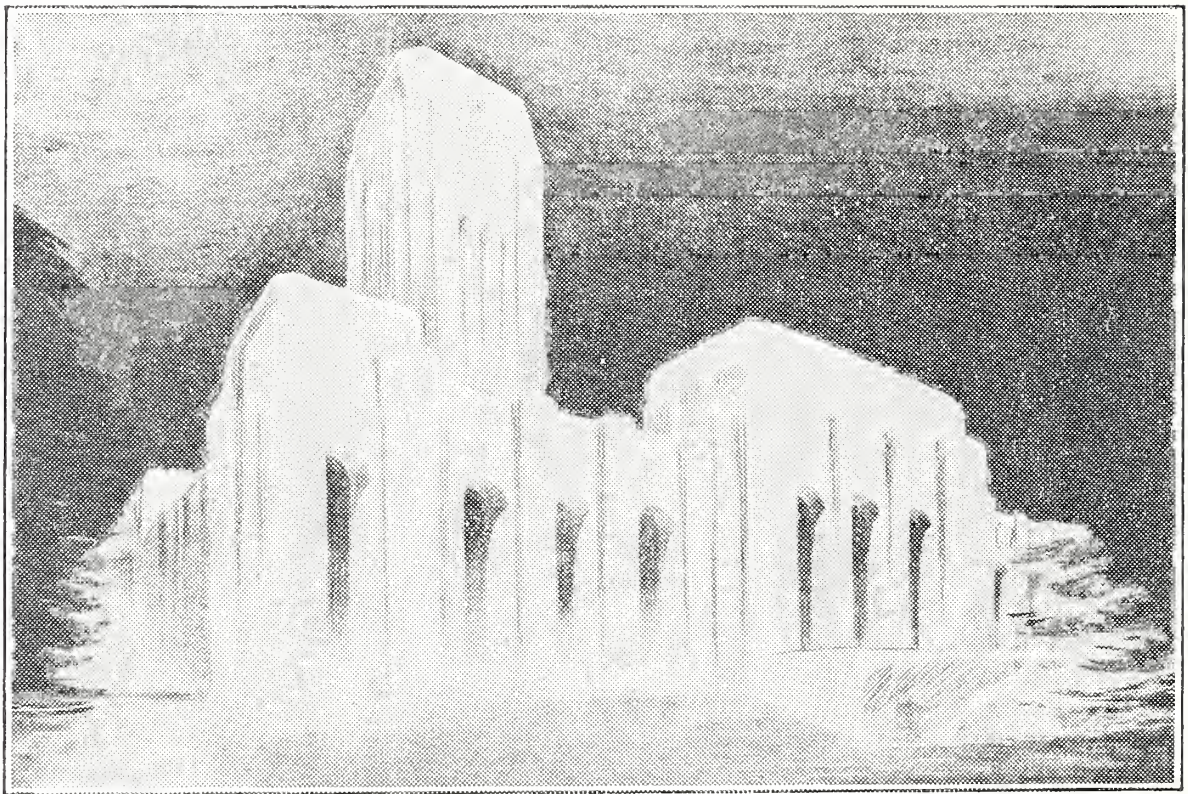
OLD WARRICK COUNTY COURT HOUSE RAZED IN 1904



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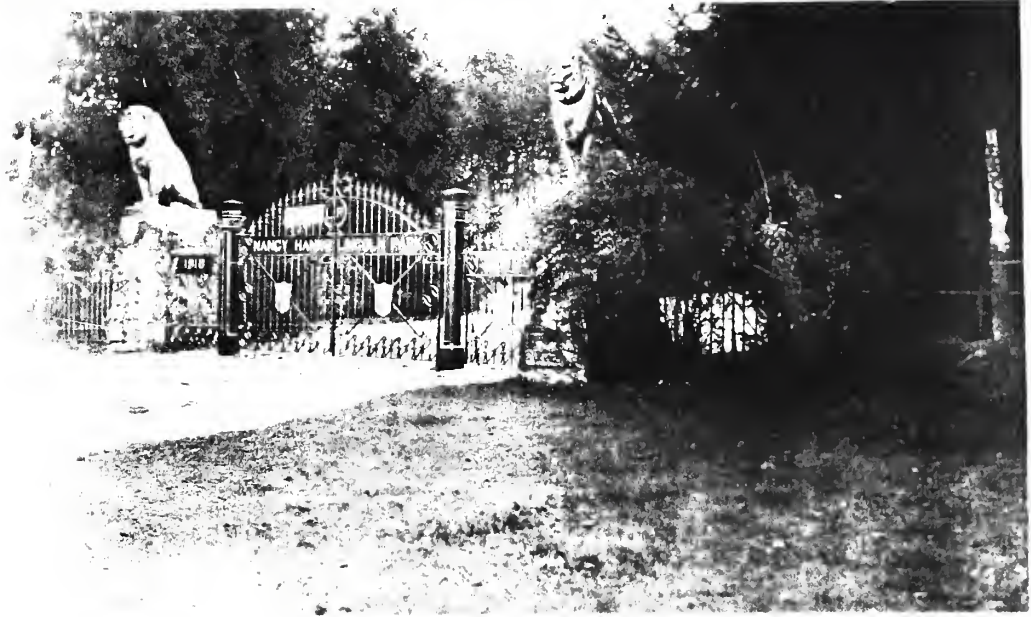


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